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Familiar Letters of Sir Walter Scott. 2 vols. (Douglas.)

This is the second time that Mr. Douglas has been permitted by the Hon. Mrs. Maxwell Scott to give to the public documents which are treasured at Abbotsford. Three years ago the 'Journal' of Sir Walter Scott was published by him in its complete form; these two volumes of letters supplement it, and both works are valuable additions to Lockhart's admirable 'Life' of his great father-in-law. Just as many things in the 'Journal' could not have been published when Lockhart wrote, so many of the letters which he had at his disposal had to remain in manuscript. Of these a number Scott had written to him and received from him, and they all deserve perusal. Mr. Douglas has been so fortunate as to obtain leave from the descendants of Scott's other correspondents to print the letters which were addressed to him, and the letters of the Marchioness of Abercorn, of Lady Louisa Stuart, and of Joanna Baillie are worthy of reproduction as excellent specimens of epistolary composition, as well as documents possessing great biographical value.

A letter in the first volume is by Hogg, the Ettrick Shepherd; it was written in 1802, and was the first which Scott received from him. It is, as Mr. Douglas rightly says, "a very remarkable letter" from one who was self-educated, having taught himself to write by copying the letters from a printed back in the self to write by copying the letters from a printed book in the intervals of tending his flock. The opening and concluding sentences display the writer's skill :-

"I have been perusing your Minstrelsy very diligently for a while past, and it being the first book I ever perused which was written by a person I had seen and conversed with, the consequence hath been to me a most sensible pleasure; for in fact it is the remarks and modern sure; for in fact it is the remarks and modern pieces that I have delighted most in, being as it were personally acquainted with many of the antient pieces formerly.....Pardon, my dear Sir, the freedom I have taken in addressing you, it is my nature, and I could not resist the impulse of writing to you any longer. Let me hear from you as soon as this comes to hand, and tell me when you will be in Ettrick Forest,

and suffer me to subscribe myself, Sir, your most humble and affectionate servant.

Dr. Leyden, another of Scott's friends, was, like Hogg, of humble origin, but was apparently destined, if his life had been longer, to become an unrivalled Oriental scholar. He lives now in Scott's pages, and that is an immortality which many might envy. In a letter to Charles Carpenter, his brother-in-law, who held an immortant office in India Scott writes in important office in India, Scott writes in March. 1803 :-

"You will hear a good deal of our motions from a Dr. Leyden who goes to Madras in this fleet. Should his fortune throw him in your way, Charlotte [Mrs. Scott] has given him a way, Charlotte [Mrs. Scott] has given him to few lines to you merely as an introduction, but I must let you a little deeper into his history. He was the son of a very petty farmer in Rox-burghshire, and had so little education that at twelve years old he did not know how to write. Nature, however, has been liberal in her gifts; he caught a taste for knowledge, and under the most depressing circumstances made himself master of most of the learned languages of Modern Europe, and even dabbled in Eastern literature. When he found his way to Edinliterature. When he found his way to Edinburgh College, his merit by degrees became noticed, and at length conspicuous. I had the good luck early to discover both his literary and personal worth, and at different times he lived a good deal with us, till it was in my power to procure him his present appointment of Assistant Surgeon on the Madras Establishment, which I accomplished through Mr. Dundas. Lord W. Bentinck is to countenance him in his labours, which I suppose will be rather literary than medical. He will certainly make an effort to see you if it be possible. You must be prepared to encounter and pardon some peculiarity of manner, arising from his early history, and which even his intercourse with the first people here and in London has not erased; but you will find this amply atoned for by a great fund of knowledge and native kindness of dis-

Two years later, Leyden wrote to Scott from India, and the following extracts are taken from the reply, which is dated the 5th of July, 1806 :-

"You cannot doubt that the receipt of your letter from Pulo Penang, dated 20th November, gave Charlotte and me the greatest pleasure, more especially as it contains the very first lines which we have received from you since you went to India, or, indeed, which have ever reached Europe, excepting a letter of some length to your father. But it was doubly acceptable at the present moment, because the reports of your illness reached Europe in such an exaggerated form, that we had every reason to apprehend we had lost you entirely, which you may imagine gave us sincere distress. About literary labours I must inform you that the fourth edition of the 'Lay' is just come out, and is to be followed by an edition of the 'Minstrelsy' and of 'Sir Tristrem.'.....The reception of the 'Lay' has been very flattering, and the sale both rapid and extensive. I am somewhat tempted to undertake a Highland poem upon the same plan. Meanwhile my pre-sent grande opus consists in an uniform edition of Dryden's works, which, as you know, have never been collected, with notes critical and explanatory by the Editor I only wish I could have your assistance as formerly in arranging, digesting, and contributing to my labour, or rather to my amusement."

When Lord Minto was appointed Governor-General of India, he was requested by Scott to show what favour he could to Leyden, and the result of this application is shown in this passage from a letter from Lord Minto which reached Scott's hands in 1809 :-

"I am particularly happy in having fixed Leyden by my side, and am enjoying with equal admiration, though of different kinds, his extraordinary talents, and his spirited, inde-pendent, and estimable character. I have taken the best care I can of his fortunes, and hope one day to see his wandering staff planted in some Teviot haugh, and the wanderer himself under its shade resting in his age amongst the 'Scenes of Infancy.' Those scenes are the object of both our longings, I may safely say at least of mine, though it is not wise to strain either eyes or wishes at distant prospects. I shall hope to find you still haunting and singing those streams which are to me more sacred than the waters of the Ganges to their Hindoo votaries."

The only letter from Leyden which has been preserved at Abbotsford was written at Calcutta, on the 10th of January, 1810, in which he says that Lord Minto

"has gained immortal glory here by patronizing with energy every species of useful literature, and is generally admitted to be the finest private character of a Governor that ever India saw.

He tells Scott, "Your 'Marmion' is quite the rage here, and it is very dubious whether that or the 'Lay of the Last Minstrel' is most so." He adds that he is acting as a magistrate, that his labour in that capacity is incessant, and that, notwithstanding,

"I have made great progression in a history of Persian poetry, which will be at least two 4tos., if published; but really I am to be pitied as a slave more than any man in Frangistan,—I beg pardon,—I meant Europe—for almost every instant of my time is filled up in

He ends by saying that the Lasswade cottage where Scott then lived, its blazing ingle and everything connected with it, "still recur

as the happiest scenes of my youth."

This remarkable man died of fever in his thirty-sixth year, during the expedition to Java in 1811. Southey remarked that Batavia would have been too dearly pur-chased with his life. Another testimony to his merits was borne by Dr. Dick, who knew him in India, and who successfully prescribed for Sir Walter when the malady which puzzled his other medical advisers had made his life a burden. Dr. Dick added this postscript in a letter to the patient who was both cured and grateful :-

"I am sorry to see so little justice done to the memory of our poor friend Leyden in some of the Edinburgh periodical publications. They ridicule the idea of comparing him to Sir William Jones as a linguist, but I believe he was the greater of the two, and I know he had was the greater of the two, and I know he had a facility of acquiring languages that Sir William had no pretensions to. I was acquainted with both: Leyden was at times very idle, Sir William never. Sir Robert Chambers, who was Chief Justice in Bengal, assured me that for the six years he was Vinerian Professor at Oxford, he was intimate with Sir William and heavy the heavy high sir with the start of the six years he was vinerian because the start of the six years he was vinerial with the start of the six years he was vinerial with the start of the six years he was vinerial with the start of the six years he was vinerial with the start of the six years he was vinerial with the start of the six years he was vinerial with the start of the six years he was vinerial with the start of the six years he was vinerial with the six years he was vinerial with the six years he was the way when years he was years he knew that he studied sixteen hours out of the twenty-four the whole time. When Sir William arrived as Judge at Calcutta, a friend of mine who was a very good Persian scholar was sitting with him when some learned native gentlemen came in to pay their respects to him. Sir William addressed them in Persian, as he Sir William addressed them in Persian, as he thought, and after some time, one of them in a whisper to my friend said, 'Tell Sir William that we do not understand English, but we know that he is a learned Persian, and I beg you will ask him to speak to us in that language.' My friend smiled, but did not choose to mortify the Judge. Sir William was about a

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dozen years in Bengal, where the Hindustanee is the only language spoken by every class, and yet he never could speak a sentence in it. Leyden spoke it well, and understood it perfectly in less than two years."

While the new things contained in these volumes are not many, much additional light is thrown upon those which have been formerly set forth and discussed. We now learn why, when 'Marmion' appeared, so much bitterness was displayed by those who were the political opponents of Scott, and this feeling may have unconsciously influenced Jeffrey to review it in the Edinburgh with an asperity which grieved the friends of Scott, and which in after years Jeffrey admitted to have been unjustifiable. In a letter to the Marchioness of Abercorn, Scott writes in March, 1808:—

"All the Whigs here are in arms against 'Marmion.' If I had satirised Fox they could have borne it, but a secondary place for the god of their idolatry puts them beyond the slender degree of patience which displaced

patriots usually possess."

These references are to the introductory lines, and not to the poem itself, the deaths of Pitt and Fox naturally occurring to Scott as subjects about which he ought to pen a few lines. Those who are not partisans admit that he kept politics out of his poetry, as a man was bound to do if he did not wish his poetry to be besmirched with the political mud of the day. We now learn the true story of two of the lines about which much that was foolish was written at the time, and about which even Lockhart did not know all the facts. These were written by the Marquess of Abercorn, and as the sheets had been worked off, a sheet was cancelled in order that they might be inserted in a fresh one. They run thus:—

For talents mourn, untimely lost, When best employed, and wanted most.

A copy containing the cancelled sheet reached the *Morning Chronicle*, whereupon a statement was circulated that copies had been specially prepared for the friends of Pitt. On this Scott jocularly remarks in a letter to the Marchioness of Abercorn:—

"This is a punishment for appropriating my neighbour's goods. I suppose it would surprise Mr. Morning Chronicle considerably to know that the couplet in question was written by so distinguished a friend of Mr. Pitt as Lord Abercorn."

It is remarkable how little in these letters, as in his 'Journal,' Scott's ardent political opinions warped his judgment, or interfered with his intercourse with those who differed from him, and with his appreciation of their labours outside the political field. He was not an unwise hater, otherwise he could scarcely have continued on terms of close friendship with Jeffrey long after the establishment of the Quarterly Review. The readers of Lockhart will doubtless recall that, when Scott was passing away, and a temporary arrangement had to be made concerning the sheriffship which he held, Jeffrey, who was then Lord Advocate, introduced a bill on the subject into the House of Commons, and "used language so graceful and touching, that both Sir Robert Peel and Croker went across the House to thank him cordially for it."

Yet Lockhart does not appear to have known how cordial the relations were between Scott and Jeffrey throughout their careers, despite antagonism in politics. After setting forth Scott's connexion with the Edinburgh Review before the foundation of the Quarterly, he adds, "Indeed, it was never renewed, except in one instance, many years after, when the strong wish to serve Maturin shook him for a moment from his purpose." It is true that Scott reviewed Maturin's 'Women' in the Edinburgh for June, 1818; but no reason has been assigned for his not doing so in the Quarterly. The facts, which now appear for the first time, are these. In August, 1817, Jeffrey requested Scott to write for the Edinburgh "a short account of our friend C. Sharpe's late publication," which was 'The History of the Church of Scotland,' by the Rev. James Kirkton, which Sharpe had edited. Scott replied that two circumstances prevented him from acceding to the request: "one, that I promised Gifford a review of this very Kirkton for the Quarterly; the other, that I shall certainly be unable to keep my word with him." Jeffrey had said in his letter that the notes to the book were "far too Jacobitical" for him. Scott remarks that he should have liked to give his opinion

"respecting the Jacobitism of the editor, which, like my own, has a good spice of affectation in it, mingled with some not unnatural feelings of respect for a cause which, though indefensible in common sense and ordinary policy, has a great deal of high-spirited Quixotry about it."

It is clear from this letter that Scott would have done what was asked of him, if to do so had been possible. The letter of application concerning the review of Maturin's book has not been preserved; but it is probable that, while Scott wrote the review, as he expressed it, for "the love of Jeffrey," he did not require much pressing. thanking and paying him for "the lively little article on 'Women,'" Jeffrey offers to place Scott on the list of the founders, thereby giving him a claim to a higher remuneration, and also to a certain control " over the proceedings of the Editor." adds that he saw difficulties in the way, but that, if they could be overcome, nothing would give him greater pleasure than to have Scott as Viceroy over him, and that "I am sure there is no one to whose advice I should be so happy to resort in any case of perplexity." These letters are highly creditable to both Jeffrey and Scott.

Though commonly regarded as a Tory of the extremest type, Scott was eminently practical and considerate as a politician. He had the good sense, which some of his associates did not share, to refrain as a rule from importing partisan considerations into the discussion of literary questions. He considered his son-in-law to be faulty in this respect, as is evinced by the following entry in his 'Journal': "Don't like Lockhart's article on Sheridan's 'Life.' There is no breadth in it, no general views, the whole flung away in smart but party criticism." Many passages in these letters exhibit Scott in the light of a man who, while immovable in his convictions, did not hold that the party to which he was proud to belong possessed a monopoly of all the virtues. He made but one false step as a party man, and he bitterly regretted it.

A dinner was given at Edinburgh to celebrate the acquittal of Lord Melville after his impeachment. Scott wrote a song in honour of the occasion, and some lines in it—one in particular, "Tally ho to the Fox,"—gave great offence to the Countess of Rosslyn, who was the common friend of Scott and Fox. A remonstrance was made to him on her behalf, and he wrote an exculpatory letter which has not been preserved; her reply now appears:—

"I certainly feel much flattered that you should have thought it worth while to have written to me upon the subject of what I said to Mr. Rae. As I cannot think my opinion cannot be of any consequence to you, I regret as much and perhaps more than you do, that any circumstances should arise to make a coolness between us; nor do I expect that the political sentiments of all my friends should be the same as mine, as a proof of which I believe you will recollect that politics was a topic upon which you and I never agreed, but in this particular instance I cannot help feeling the song alluded to as an uncalled for mark of personal disrespect to Mr. Fox. The lesson he taught and practised during the course of his life was that of forgiveness of injuries; it is a lesson, which, much as I admire, I feel I cannot put in practice, as far as he is concerned, as he would have done. I beg this subject, which is painful and even unpleasant to me, may not be renewed."

When the Countess died four years later, Scott expressed the greater regret for her loss, owing to her having died "without ever making up some unkindness she had towards me for these foolish politics."

He offended Lady Byron for another reason. He had reviewed in the Quarterly for October, 1816, the third canto of 'Childe Harold.' This article was not reprinted in his miscellaneous works, neither is it in-cluded in the list of his writings compiled by Lockhart. It gave Byron great pleasure, but no reader can find anything in it to which Lady Byron could reasonably take exception. Indeed, the statements made are such as any impartial person would have written. Joanna Baillie did not like it, and she strongly protested against Scott's eulogy of Byron's picture of a thunderstorm on Lake Leman, which she styled "far fetched and fantastical." Jeffrey had praised it in the Edinburgh, but the concurrence of the two reviewers did not influence her opinion. Joanna Baillie seems to have been an interesting lady, who was regarded in her day as a dramatic poet of the first rank, but whose name is now better known than her plays. Perhaps no words in the letters now printed are less worthy of Scott as a critic than the following, which occur in a letter to Miss Smith written in 1808: "We have Miss Baillie in Edinburgh at present, who is certainly the best dramatic writer whom Britain has produced since the days of Shakespeare and Massinger." He adds, with far greater "her comedies you may pass over without any loss." Miss Baillie made herself the vehicle of Lady Byron's objections to what Scott had written; she stated on her own account :-

"There is nothing which the world can pretend to censure in Lady Byron but that she is supposed to be of a very cold and unforgiving nature. That she is a woman of great selfcommand I know, and where this is the case we cannot well judge of the degree of feeling; but '93

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I never in the whole course of my life met with any person of a more candid or forgiving disposition. She has borne treatment exceeding anything I have ever heard of in married life; and could she have hoped for any amendment in his character, or even withwith him without becoming herself worthless and debased, she would I am confident never have left him."

These words were written on February 21st, 1817; the subject was continued in a letter which is dated March 3rd, in which Joanna Baillie refers to an explanatory letter which Scott had sent to her, and which she had forwarded to Lady Byron. The latter did not complain of what Scott had penned, but protested against his phrases being supposed to express her sentiments. Joanna Baillie added that she concurred in what he had said in deprecation of Lady Byron's friends being vehement in their outcry against Lord Byron. She thus continues:—

"The firearms or daggers kept at night on the table of Lord B.'s bedroom, Lady B. her-self made light of, and said that she never supposed they were intended against her, though he once pointed a pistol against her with threats. I must not tell you the darkest part of Lord B.'s character, and if I did you would most likely not believe it."

We also learn from the same letter that Byron did not like his mother-in-law, and wrote verses which were designed to vex her. Thackeray did not like his, and we now know from Russell Lowell's letters that the "Old Campaigner" in 'Vanity Fair' was a satire upon her.

We pass to Thomas Campbell, a poet more intimately connected with Scott than Byron. He is thus referred to in a letter to the Marchioness of Abercorn in 1812 :-

"I am not surprised that Tom Campbell disappointed your expectations in society. To a mind peculiarly irritable, and galled, I fear, by the consciousness of narrow circumstances, there is added a want of acquaintance with the usual intercourse of the world, which, like many other things, can only be acquired at an early period of life. Besides, I have always remarked that literary people think themselves obliged to take somewhat of a constrained and affected turn in conversation, seeming to consider themselves as less a part of the company, than something which the rest were come to see and wonder at."

It is curious that, while telling Lady Louisa Stuart that he was the author of 'Waverley,' Scott refrained from taking the Marchioness of Abercorn into his confidence, though he was on most intimate terms with her. She often refers to the subject, and he exercises much ingenuity in diverting her suspicions. We are inclined to think that, without openly avowing the authorship of his novels, he need not have given himself so much trouble in protesting against having written them. He even went so far as to assert in writing that he was not the author of 'Waverley.' That letter does not appear in this collection, and it is the least creditable of any from Scott's pen. There are many references to Abbotsford, but we shall quote only what appears in a letter written to Lady Louisa Stuart in 1824:—

"I have been building by degrees a home which I long to show Lady Louisa Stuart, because it is a good deal out of the common run say that this work is full of interest. As letters, those of Scott are far less finished letters, those of Scott are far less finished have gambolled a little in the entrance hall, than many in our language. The reader of language value par Jeanne d'Arc's

which I knew was not in very good taste when I did it; but why should a gentleman not be a little fantastic, as Tony Lumpkin says, 'If so be he is in a concatenation accordingly.

The editor rightly notes that this phrase, which Scott often used, was spoken not by Tony Lumpkin, but one of his boon com-panions. We should like to quote largely from Lady Louisa Stuart's letters. They are lively and entertaining. We can, however, give but one of her remarks, which proves her acuteness. After stating her opinion of the 'Heart of Midlothian,' she adds :-

"I should have found you out in that one "I should have found you out in that one parenthesis—"for the man was mortal and had been a schoolmaster"—if I had known nothing and the whole world had told me the contrary.

The letters from Lockhart to Scott and those in which Lockhart is mentioned are among the most useful of those which now appear for the first time. Scott was proud of his son-in-law, while as ready to criticize him as any one else. Writing to Morritt in 1820, shortly after his daughter's marriage, he says :-

"Lockhart is very much what you will like when you come to know him-much genius and a distinguished scholar, very handsome in face and person, and only wanting something of the usage de monde; I mean there is a little want of ease in his manners in society. He does not laugh as thou doest, Anthony—this is, however, speaking critically, for he is neither conceited nor negligent in his manner. His powers of personal satire are what I most dread on his own account; it is an odious accomplishment, and most dangerous, and I trust I have prevailed on him to turn his mind to something better."

The account of Scott's visit to Ireland in 1825 is given in greater detail in the second of these two volumes than in Lockhart's 'Life.' A short passage from a letter written by Scott to Sir Adam Ferguson from Dublin is all that we can find room for. We may state that Jane is his daughterin-law, to whom he was strongly attached :-

"Here we are in Pat-land, and almost killed with kindness. The emphatic personal pronoun we comprehends Lockhart, Anne, and my own self. I write chiefly to tell you, what I am sure you and Lady Ferguson will be pleased to hear, that I find Walter and Jane living most respectably and moderately in a little circle of friends, of good fashion, by whom the young folks seem to be held in much regard. Jane's shyness is much worn off. She does the honours with a very modest matronly little air, and it is good fun to see her chaperon Lady Anne, who is more of a dasher than herself. They are very fond of each other, and draw kindly, as the coachman says in the play.....The Irish have been most flatteringly kind in their reception. I have been made LL.D. and a double S. by Trinity College, almost worried by crowds and acclamations. In short, I begin to think there is something about me which I never suspected before, and give Pat great merit for having discovered it,"

We shall quote a sentence from a letter by Lockhart to his wife, because it contains the truest thing ever said about Pitt and Fox: "Plunket said how much better men and greater statesmen would Fox and Pitt have been, had the one spent half his time in power, the other half of his in opposition."

After quoting so much, it is needless to

them feels, however, as if he were listening to the writer. We cannot doubt that Scott's talk was similar to what he penned to a friend, and this makes the letters quite as attractive as the most polished literary compositions could be. His material was often slight, yet he used it as the princess in the fairy tale did when imprisoned in a tower by a wicked stepmother, and ordered to weave cloth of gold out of the straw with which her cell was filled. In her magic fingers the straw was converted into golden threads. Now, as after rising from the perusal of his 'Journal,' we are conscious of having gained a more intimate acquaint-ance with Scott himself, and to have done so is in itself a rare treat. We owe thanks to Mr. Douglas too. As editor and publisher he has done his work reverently and

Joan of Arc. By Lord Ronald Gower, F.S.A. (Nimmo.)

L'Armée anglaise vaincue par Jeanne d'Arc sous les Murs d'Orléans. Documents inédits et Plan. Par M. Boucher de Molandon et le Baron Adalbert de Beaucorps. (Paris, Baudoin.)

THESE two books illustrate two opposite manners of conceiving the career of Joan of Arc. It is possible to elaborate the portrait of the heroine, to treasure every personal trait, to linger over every remembered word, and to set the completed image against a vague background of spears and lances blurred with the smoke of battlefields. Thus Michelet wrote the 'Life of Joan of Arc' with the poetry and the piety that belong to the legend of a saint, and the result in his case is a pure masterpiece, a κτῆμα ἐς ἀεὶ. Thus also, after a long interval, writes Lord Ronald Gower, inasmuch as he has conceived his subject in the spirit of biography - or even of hagiography-rather than in the spirit of history.

The book of MM. Boucher de Molandon and de Beaucorps is a contribution to our historical knowledge, a collection of unpublished documents. It is one of several recent volumes tending towards a larger conception of her whom Dumas named "the Christ of France." Such students, no less reverent, but more curious, seek to explain even while they worship the miracles of their saint, and connect the glorious campaign of Joan of Arc with that revival of heroism all over France which inspired Louis d'Estouteville in his sublime defence of the Mont St. Michel, and Dame Perrine de la Rivière in her castle at Roche Guyon, no less than such humbler rebels as Philippe le Cat, the harper of Cherbourg, or Jeanne Paynel, the heroine of Chantilly. M. Siméon Luce delighted to portray this procession of minor saints, which he loved to group around the unrivalled patroness; the Marquis de Beaucourt has specially examined the conditions of that French army which began to awake at last from unparalleled degradation; and now MM. Boucher de Molandon and de Beaucorps set before us the state of that English army which Joan of Arc was the first to drive, as she threatened, to the edge of the sea.

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(muster-rolls, quittances, indentures, culled with infinite patience from the manuscripts in the British Museum and the French archives, as well as from the private col-lection of M. Boucher de Molandon) go to establish the very small numbers of fifteenth century armies, a thesis Sir James Ramsay has maintained with regard to the Wars of the Roses. The English force before Orleans, the key to Central France, could not boast four thousand combatants. The French army was probably even smaller. Patriotism was stimulated by the unwise policy of the English, who, instead of extending a wise indulgence to the conquered provinces, had confiscated manors. castles, and even the small possessions of farmers and burgesses, in order to people their new colonies with fresh-imported "God-dams," red-bearded, mastiff-faced, beer-swilling, foreign-tongued, as Eustache Deschamps depicts them in one of the brightest of his ballads. The people, turned out of their lands by Bedford and Gloucester, fought not only for their country, but for hearth and home. They fought not merely for victory, but for revenge: yet they fought depressed by the certainty of defeat. In no army so quickly as in the French army does the morale react on the physique. To the unnerving sense of unmerited inferiority the French have owed many a defeat. The appearance of Joan of Arc was more to the diffident lances of 1429 than an army of allies. Convinced that they were predestined to win, they fought with the true, the redoubtable furia Francese, and carried all before them.

MM. Boucher de Molandon and de Beaucorps end their record with the retreat of the English from Orleans. Lord Ronald carries us further, and the most moving chapters of his book are those which deal with the imprisonment and trial of the Maid; and though, to those familiar with the works of Michelet, Wallon, and Fabre upon this question, there can of necessity be little fresh in the pages of Lord Ronald Gower, they will not re-read without emotion the piteous story of that iniquitous trial. Lord Ronald has done his task with good feeling and with good sense. He is sometimes a little long when terseness would have been more impressive, and we could wish that he had written less and spared some time for the correction of his proofs; for the French quotations, necessarily numerous, are in a tongue peculiar to the British printer. Despite a somewhat limited knowledge of fifteenth century conditions, Lord Ronald displays a judgment often just and sometimes acute. He is not as yet an historian, but he possesses a somewhat rare gift-the sense of history.

Spring's Immortality, and other Poems. By Mackenzie Bell. (Ward, Lock & Bowden.)

Among the seven groups of poems into which this modest little book is divided those called "Pictures of Travel" are likely to meet with the most general favour. Scenery is always a very important element in poetry, and, indeed, in all imaginative literature; and there is no doubt that the travelled poet has a certain advantage over the untravelled one. Of course, this is not so much the case now

it was when 'Childe Harold' was written. At a time when the continent of Europe has become a kind of playground for Englishmen of all classes, when all the world is learned in the scenery of the Cyclades, when the gondolas of the Venetian canals are being supplanted by boats propelled by steam, and even by electricity, it is not easy for the poet to break new ground within a reasonable distance from Bow bells. North Africa hardly supplies it. The energies of the "Nido Algeri di ladri infame ed empio" are now exercised, not in competing with Christendom in making prisoners for galley-slaves, but in competing with the Channel Islands and Cornwall in the supply of broad beans, early peas, and asparagus for Covent Garden. In days when the benevolent Company of Fishmongers, who even at the time when 'Childe was written had still their famous fund for the redemption of Christian slaves in Algiers, look to the accursed pirate-city to furnish their feasts with "prime early vegetables," how shall the bard turn thither for new scenery for his poems?

Still there is Morocco left—Morocco which is almost in the same condition internally as it was in the time of Dante. Hence the poet who, like Mr. Bell, is acquainted with Morocco has a decided advantage over one whose travels have been confined within the old familiar limits. And as will be seen in 'Sunday Morning off Mazagan,' what he has seen he can describe with considerable vividness:—

Strange town all glittering, treeless, white, Begirt with sand and seething spray— Lit by the sun whose rays reveal

Each flat-roofed Orient dwelling-place,—
Each stately mosque, each well whose wheel
A camel turns with tireless pace.

He seems to be equally at home in Spain. If his description of the moonlit palms at Alicante is less pictorial than the poem from which the above lines are quoted, it has the advantage of being more lyrical.

The poems written in Madeira are in the form of dramatic idyls, and they are interesting as showing how greatly a story of simple pathos may gain by a setting of beautiful scenery. 'Francisca to Jaspear' is a notable instance of this. The descriptions of the guavas with their light green leaves, the loquats with their deeper tints, the white-blossomed yam trees, the bananas, the orange trees, and the camellias lend a great charm to the lament of Francisca for the death of her husband.

In 'João to Constança' there is a vivid description of a sunrise in Madeira when the lesté, or south - east wind, is blowing, and when the sunrises are especially rich in shades of purple, gold, and rose. The little poem which gives the name to the volume is an example of the fascinating effect of blending the great passions with the emotion aroused by beautiful scenery, whether the scenery be new or familiar. A bereaved lover revisits the English scenes which are hallowed by reminiscences, and he recalls certain utterances of the one he has lost upon the contrast between the immortality of spring and the evanescence of human life:—

The buds awake at touch of Spring From Winter's joyless dream; From many a stone the ouzels sing By yonder mossy stream. The cuckoo's voice, from copse and vale, Lingers, as if to meet The music of the nightingale Across the rising wheat.

Ah, strange it is, dear heart, to know Spring's gladsome mystery Was sweet to lovers long ago— Most sweet to such as we—

That fresh new leaves and meadow flowers Bloomed when the south wind came; While hands of Spring caressed the bowers, The throstle sang the same.

Unchanged, unchanged the throstle's song, Unchanged Spring's answering breath, Unchanged, though cruel Time was strong, And stilled our love in death.

There are one or two poems founded on history. Among them is a version of a striking story which has been used by Aytoun and other ballad-writers—the story of the heart of Robert Bruce having been carried to the wars by Sir James Douglas in fulfilment of a vow. It is really very vigorously written. Among the sonnets one of the best is the following:—

OLD YEAR LEAVES.

Tossed by the storms of Autumn chill and drear,
The leaves fall auburn-tinted, and the trees
Stand reft and bare, yet on the silent leas
The leaves lie drifted still—while cold, austere,
Stern Winter waits—while early snowdrops cheer

The reaves he drifted shift—while cold, austere,
Stern Winter waits—while early snowdrops cheer
The woodland shadows—while the happy bees
Are wakened by the balmy western breeze,
And birds and boughs proclaim that Spring is here,
So lost hopes severed by the stress of life
Lie all unburied yet before our eyes,

Though none but we regard their mute decay;
And ever amid this stir and moil and strife
Fresh aims and growing purposes arise
Above the faded hopes of yesterday.

The religious poems are certain to have a pretty general acceptance, as they are evidently inspired by genuine feeling. In the 'Lame Boy in the Woods' there is a suppressed pathos which, perhaps, shows more potentiality than any other in a volume which, although not strong, has an unquestionable charm of its own. The dedication to "my friend Edmund Clarence Stedman, from whose poetry and subtle criticism of poetry I, with many of my countrymen, have for years derived much deep and genuine pleasure," recalls the pleasing fact of the closer and closer bonds which are year by year enlinking the writers of England and America.

The Brontës in Ireland; or, Facts stranger than Fiction. By Dr. William Wright. (Hodder & Stoughton.)

Dr. Wright's solution of "the Brontë problem" is a wild romance, which, if founded on fact, throws a strange light on the family genius, and to some extent accounts for the plots of the novels. The queer stories from the Haworth parsonage, which Mrs. Gaskell was compelled to withdraw, must fade into parochial insignificance beside these revelations, if they can be shown to be true.

It appears that Hugh Brontë (1), the great-great-grandfather of the novelists, whose name is first mentioned on p. 167, was a farmer and corndealer living "on the north side of the river Boyne.....not far from the spot where William of Orange won the famous battle." Business often took him to Liverpool, and on one of his return journeys a baby, "very young, very black, very dirty, and almost without clothing of any kind,"

was found in the hold of the vessel, and taken in charge by his wife, the only woman on board. The foundling, adopted by Mr. Brontë and called Welsh "on account of his colour," proved a morose and cunning child, but, by fawning and tale-bearing, gradually gained supreme power in the house. After the death of his guardian, who never discovered his true character, he entered upon a series of peculiarly low and spiteful intrigues, by which he secured the family property and forced one of the daughters to marry him. From that time the Brontës were scattered beyond the reach of their biographer until Welsh, still mindful of old enmities, wrote to one of his wite's brothers with professions of repentance, and offered, for a certain consideration, to adopt a nephew. He carried away the boy, Hugh Brontë (2), by a road which the latter could never retrace, and treated him with gross cruelty, being abetted therein by his sanctimonious

After a time, however, Hugh the second ran away, and, by industry and good luck, established himself in a decent position. He fell in love with a Catholic beauty, and carried her off on the day appointed for her marriage with his rival; but the episode did not interrupt his prosperity, and in later years he became locally famous as a Radical politician and a spirited raconteur. His children grew up with stalwart bodies and vigorous minds, holding aloof from their neighbours, and in their turn reputed to be in league with the devil. As young men they were active and shrewd in business, securing, for instance, a monopoly for making macadamized roads; but they afterwards took to keeping public-houses, which became "centres of demoralization." Among themselves they indulged in athletic contests, cock-fights, and open-air concerts with

"On the last afternoon in April the brothers and sisters used to wander along the banks of the Glen, and gather the may-flowers that grew by the edge of the stream. On those occasions the sisters were decked out in the brightest colours at their disposal. The golden flowers were collected in posies and laid upon the greensward in the Glen, and the brothers and sisters like fauns and satyrs danced around them. Towards the close of the dance they pelted each other with the flowers, and when night fell they gathered up all the bunches and, bearing them home, scattered them on the roof of the house and around the door.'

A cousin of Dr. Wright's schoolmaster, who secretly witnessed some of their festivities, describes their huge and vigorous bodies, the "quaint conceptions, glowing thoughts, and ferocious epithets that struggled for utterance at their unlettered lips," and "the exquisite grace and courtesy" displayed at their animated balls in the weird and romantic glen beneath the lofty peaks of the Mourne range. His account of the "Brontës al fresco" reads like the tale of a people apart, stirred by strong passions and strange fancies outside the experience of average humanity. We learn, further, that one of the Brontës, for some inscrutable reason called Welsh after his father's enemy (!), engaged in a fight, which became historic, for the defence of his sweetheart's weakly brother; while Hugh (3), surnamed "the giant," attacked many ghosts, and, at the time of a potato blight, summoned the devil to remove his curse from the crops :-

"For this purpose he would go deliberately to the field and gather a basketful of rotten potatoes. These he would carry solemnly to the brink of the Glen and.....with bare, out-stretched arms, the veins in his neck and fore-head standing out like hempen cords, and his voice choking with concentrated passion, he would apostrophise Beelzebub as the bloated fly, and call on him to partake of the filthy repast he had provided. The address ended with wild, scornful laughter as Brontë hurled the rotten potatoes down the bank.

Patrick Brontë, the father of the novelists, was the eldest son of Hugh (2), and is said to have inherited his father's talent for story-telling. He began life as a weaver, but, by becoming an expert at his trade, was able to attend to book and loom at the same time, until the intellectual occupation grew too absorbing, and his work was found to be unsatisfactory. A judicious friend, however, encouraged his ambitions, and he had the strength of mind to divide his time between weaving and study, with such good results that after a few years he was sufficiently advanced to earn a livelihood by teaching. He proved an efficient schoolmaster and continued his own studies, though he found time to fall in love with one of his pupils, and to write a good deal of mediocre verse. His ultimate design was to take Orders, and, at the age of twenty-five, he had saved enough money to go up to St. John's College, Cambridge.

Dr. Wright says little about the years that follow, the history of which is already well known. He shows, how-ever, that Patrick never lost sight of his Irish relations; and gives an amusing account of the reception of 'Jane Eyre' by the uncles and aunts. It was not a good book like the 'Pilgrim's Progress,' seemed to them mere babble; but a lettered friend, in whom they had unquestioning confidence, pronounced it to be "the grandest novel that had been produced in his time," and they were unanimously jubilant. When the famous article came out in the Quarterly, December, 1848, "uncle Hugh" shouldered his shillelagh and made a pilgrimage to London that he might avenge the Brontë honour. His search was earnest, but unsuccessful.

It is unfortunately most difficult to judge the evidence for the historical basis of these anecdotes, as Dr. Wright supplies only a general account of his authorities at the beginning of the book, and scarcely alludes to them in the course of the narrative. He had undoubtedly good opportunities for collecting the requisite material from his schoolmaster, the Rev. W. McAllister, of Finard, near Newry, and from the friend with whom he afterwards spent his vacations, the Rev. David McKee, of Ballynaskeagh. He also mentions his indebtedness to four clergymen now living in Ireland, and to Miss Ellen Nussey, Charlotte's life-long friend; but some of his picturesque details were supplied by his nurse and others "in humble life in Ireland."

Much of the matter, again, is said to have been collected and written down by Dr. Wright before the publication of the novels; and the close resemblance which one of the family legends, thus long ago recorded, bears to the plot of 'Wuthering Heights,' seems at once to confirm the legend itself, and to settle the old dispute about the origin of the romance. As Mr. Wemyss Reid conjectured.

"it was during her early girlhood that Emily's mind was filled with those grim traditions which she afterwards employed in writing 'Wuthering Heights.' Mr. Brontë, in addition to his other gifts, had the faculty of story telling highly developed, and his delight was to use this faculty in order to awaken superstitious terrors in the hearts of his children.....he would entertain the little company of school-girls with wild legends not only relating to life in Yorkshire during the last century, but to that still wilder life which he had left behind him in Ireland."

The writer of these words had clearly no conception of the detail with which their truth might have been established.

The reader is provided, moreover, with an explanation of Branwell's claim to some share in the composition of 'Wuthering Heights.' We were never convinced by the attempts of Mr. Leyland, in his 'The Brontë Family,' to prove that the brother's genius was equal to Emily's; but the testimony of Branwell's friends, concerning the novel with a similar plot which he read aloud to them, has hitherto remained a mystery. Dr. Wright explains the matter by making a similar claim on his own behalf. His schoolmaster used to tell him stories of the Brontës, and set him to reproduce them as exercises in composi-

"It thus happened that I wrote screeds of the Brontë novels before a line of them had been penned at Haworth; and I do not think been penned at Haworth; and I do not think Branwell Brontë meant to deceive when he spoke of writing 'Wuthering Heights,' for the story in outline must have been common pro-perty at Haworth, as it was largely the story of grandfather Brontë, and the children of the Vicarage were all scribblers."

We know further that the Brontës, though very reserved to neighbours and even friends, openly discussed their most intimate affairs with each other.

Dr. Wright has collected his material with much energy, but he is unfortunately discursive and unmethodical. He gives a good general impression, and clear, or even dramatic, pictures of the several details; yet the grouping is disorderly, the thread of the discourse wanders to and fro amid paragraphs of irrelevant moralizing. It is often difficult for the reader to discover, even approximately, the date of any given occurrence, or to realize which generation of the Brontës is being described; and Dr. Wright has himself alluded to Charlotte's greatgreat-grandfather as her "great-great-great-grandfather," on p. 49, and to the "grandfather" of Hugh (2) as his "father" on p. 19. The summary of events on p. 156, however, may be studied with profit. The illustrations and maps are helpful.

The Lesters. By General Sir George Chesney, K.C.B., M.P. 3 vols. (Smith, Elder & Co.) The Lesters.

Those readers who remember 'A True Reformer' and 'The Private Secretary' will not be disappointed by 'The Lesters.' This time Sir George has two grandiose ideas: the discovery of a treasure in England valued at over one hundred and five millions sterling,

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and the immense benefits conferred on the poorer classes by the judicious disposal of this wealth. There are, in fact, really two stories -the first, which does not take up the whole of the opening volume, describes the discovery of the treasure and its stowage in the Bank of England, while the rest of the volume and the remaining two pursue the fortunes of its discoverer and of his benevolent schemes. It must be confessed that the first part, which reads like a fairy story adapted to modern circumstances, undoubtedly contains the chief interest. The ease with which the most extraordinary difficulties are surmounted only enhances the feeling of satisfaction given by the thought of the immense hoard; and the idea of utilizing a train of engineers from Aldershot for moving it can be described as nothing short of a master-stroke worthy of the 'Battle of Dorking.' As for the scheme of the model town of "Lestertia," with its wide streets and healthy houses, there does not seem to be anything particularly novel in it, except the vastness of the scale on which it is conceived. There is much talk about the County Council and about Acts of Parliament to facilitate Lord Lesterton's projects, which, to be frank, is rather dull and out of place in a novel; in fact, though, to judge from the sub-title, 'A Capitalist's Labour,' the author seems to consider all this the most important part of his book, it might with distinct advantage to the interest of the story be left out. For there is a good deal of love-making among the younger members of Lord Lesterton's family which attracts the attention that perhaps ought to be more devoted to the social projects. The development of Raphael's and Marcella's affection for one another is interesting to trace, and as a study of character Raphael in his attitude towards the girl is wonderfully true and well thought out. The duke's dulness is amusing, though perhaps a little exaggerated; but Lord Thurburn is an unconventional character, worked out with power and knowledge.

At Society's Expense. By Algernon Gissing. 3 vols. (Hurst & Blackett.)

'AT Society's Expense' is deficient in construction and consistency. Several of the incidents are unpleasant—such as the deliberate forcing of a weak woman to drink, the beating of a well-intentioned editor for an indiscreet article, and the trapping of a man into marriage for revenge by the use of sundry lying artifices. No doubt the authors of these repulsive bits of blackguardism are made to repent of their crimes; but a reader who draws the line anywhere at all between lovable and unlovable characters will not care to have his sympathies exacted on their behalf, precisely as they would be exacted on behalf of refined and unselfish heroes and heroines. The central figures of a romance should not be so much as capable of the various dishonourable actions of Barnard Goldhawke and Helen Pildacre, which strangle sympathy at its birth. Mr. Gissing can be genuinely romantic; but it is not enough to be romantic if you do not construct a romance.

Anabel: a Military Romance. By Cathal Macguire. 3 vols. (Fisher Unwin.)

This is rather a romance of the barrackyard than of the battle-field, and the leading gentleman of the drama is a sergeant of Hussars. The author is only superficially and imperfectly acquainted with a soldier's life, habits, and way of talking, while he is distressingly wrong in his conception of British cavalry officers. The insolence of the officers to the young, pretty, and ladylike wife of a sergeant in their own regiment at a sergeants' ball, and the rage of one of the number when the sergeant extricates his wife from the position by carrying her off to dance, are simply ridiculous libels. It is true that the officers did not know that the girl was the sergeant's wife, but that she was his friend ought, considering the occasion, to have closed their mouths. This ignorance of military life and customs is not the only fault of the book. Amabel, the heroine, is scarcely true to nature, for she is represented as being excessively refined and high-minded, a lady by birth and brought up as such, yet is easily won, and readily marries Sergeant Morshead. It is true that the sergeant-a smart, good-looking, wellmannered young fellow—is the son of a Plymouth solicitor, but he has become, nevertheless, thoroughly imbued with the tone of the sergeants' mess and the garrison public-house. Yet Amabel not only marries this trooper, but takes up her abode in lodgings outside barracks, and apparently does not feel that she has committed social suicide. The other characters also are ill drawn.

White Poppies. By May Kendall. (Ward, Lock & Co.)

Miss Kendall has come fairly near to achieving a really considerable success. Her brief story is a variation on the old, old theme:—

Ein Jüngling liebt ein Mädchen, Sie hat einen andern geliebt;

but the changes it rings are new and not altogether unmelodious. Frank Vokes (No. 1) loves Vi Romilly (No. 2), who loves John Trevanion (No. 3), who loves Elsie Everard (No. 4), who loves him, but doesn't love the gentleman whom, for want of a Christian name, we must describe as "Beau" Austin (No. 5); and there you have the novel in a nutshell. No. 1 languishes unsatisfied in spite of his eligibility in the matter of broughams and vineries; No. 2 gives it up as a bad job after a good cry on the Embankment, joins the Salvation Army, and dies heroically in a drunken scuffle; while No. 3, in a vexatious spirit of self-sacrifice, does his best to get No. 4 (whom he loves) to marry No. 5 (whom she doesn't), because he is too busy paying his father's debts to attend to her just then. At length, however, his financial difficulties being instantaneously ended by a legacy of 20,000l. from a rich Australian friend, he conquers his scruples, and they duly arrive at the altar, or whatever may be the appropriate agnostic substitute for that relic of sacerdotalism, in the last chapter. There is a second "subject," so to speak, in this symphony of unrequited affection, introduced in the person of Henrietta Morland (No. 6), who is loved by nobody, but has a great

soul and lavishes its contents ungrudgingly upon a series of recalcitrant professors (Nos. 7, 8, and 9). She finally commits suicide (at least we are pretty sure she does), because the last of these justly-indignant pedagogues writes to her and tells her in plain terms that she is a self-conscious bore. In the hands of these uncomfortable characters (the only exceptions being the "eligible," but not elect, Frank Vokes and sensible Jim Everard, Elsie's brother, who is free from "notions" and quite a useful member of society) the story ties itself up in knots, and gets itself disentangled as best it may, without much assistance from the author. Miss Kendall has a clever way of putting things, and her dialogue, if at times a little jerky, is always fresh and vivacious; but her melodramatic expedients, such as the accident in the Channel and the Australian legacy aforesaid, are undeniably crude. Her experiences (if one may judge from this volume) would seem to have lain chiefly among people of the soulful and socialistic species, who attend lectures on Truth, and talk a good deal of cheap philosophy in the intervals; and the interest of her work would be considerably heightened by the introduction of some personages from a different—we do not say a higher or a lower—social stratum. Yet with these limitations 'White Poppies' is a book which, in our judgment, will materially add to Miss Kendall's reputation as a thoughtful and original writer. It is admirably illustrated, in a new and attractive style, by R. Anning Bell.

My Poor Niece, and other Stories. By Rosaline Masson. (Fisher Unwin.)

Miss Masson's "maiden aunt" sometimes wishes she were able to write novels: a delicate bit of self-depreciation. The lady tells extremely well the sad fortune of a loving but lymphatic niece, who is overpersuaded to break her engagement on change in her lover's circumstances, and thenceforth belongs to the ranks of "prosaic-looking old maids, who live to knit our stockings."

An Adopted Wife. By Arthur Keyser. (Griffith, Farran & Co.)

Adopted, even captured, husbands might have been a more descriptive title for Mr. Keyser's tale, since the lady, who is certainly the active agent in the plan of adoption, is not content with taking the names, legally or otherwise, of fewer than three successive gentlemen. Whether two of these display a more lamentable weakness of mind or a more diseased sense of honour remains an open question; but at least their eagerness for self-sacrifice provides the author with sufficient incidents of a tolerably exciting character. Jack Fortescue's sufferings at the hands of the Chinese coolies are truly terrible, and would be more effective if the author's imagination here as elsewhere were not a little hampered by the laboriousness of his style. That by the laboriousness of his style. several of the incidents are lacking in probability does not necessarily detract from their interest, and Mr. Keyser has certainly provided himself with material sufficiently varied and original to hold the reader's attention throughout.

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What Happened at Morwyn. By Maria A. Hoyer. (Digby, Long & Co.)

That a bank should fail, bringing disgrace, ruin, and death to those most nearly concerned, is an ordinary incident in works of fection, but in the present case it is rather with the subsequent results of this event that the reader is called upon to interest himself. This is not difficult, for though there is no striking originality in 'What Happened at Morwyn,' it is a pleasantly written story, well worked out, and deals for the most part with right-minded, sensible, if commonplace people. It is agreeable, moreover, to find that the virtuous are ultimately rewarded and that the villain is not too severely handled, for the sake of contrast.

A Singer from the Sea. By Amelia E. Barr. (Hutchinson & Co.)

THIS Cornish story has merit. There is an unavoidable reminiscence of 'The Dancing Girl' in the fisher-maiden brought away from Methodist parents to stage life and to frivolities which appal the tender consciences of the old folk at home; but Denas Penelles, pleasure-loving as she is, is true-hearted and honest, and Roland Tresham is much more weak than wicked. The best character described is that of John, the fisherman, strong in the old Adam which prompts him to knock down his daughter's slanderer, but infinitely stronger in parental tenderness, and the high if narrow principle which guides him as a father and a leader in religion. He has truly "all the native grace that springs from a kind heart and from noble instincts which have become principles." His daughter's defection is none the less bitter for being long foreseen, though his worst fears, no thanks to the selfish lover, are not realized. "I do leave my heart at home, and then I do lose my head at sea," is his own unsatisfactory account of the time of doubt and forboding; and when the crisis comes, he suffers as only strong natures can. The scene in the rude chapel, when he demits his office; the bitter self-reproach of Pyn, who avows before the congregation his part of gobetween: "Judas asked thirty pieces. I sold Paul Pyn for one piece, and it was too much"; and the stout fidelity of Ann Bude, who turns in his sorrow to the man she has rejected for twenty years—all these are vividly impressed. There is less interest in the shiftless lover and his family, though Elizabeth's selfishness is redeemed by sisterly love, and old Tresham shows enough force in his interview with the Rector to make one wish to have seen more of him. Part of the action is laid in America. To the same locality we probably owe the word "loaned" for lent, and a few other trifling discords.

Vertu Païenne. Par "Saint-Prix." (Paris, Calmann Lévy.)

The story of a flirt of a high order—who drives to despair the best man in the book, all but kills the worst, inflicts much suffering on several others, and poisons herself out of "pagan virtue"—is well enough told in this volume to give hopes for the future of the author: well enough, too, to be interesting and painful; not well enough to be otherwise than disappointing.

CHRISTMAS BOOKS.

My Dark Companions and their Strange Stories, by Mr. H. M. Stanley (Sampson Low & Co.), is a collection of the choicest and most curious fables and stories related to the author at the nightly camp fire in the course of seventeen years of African travel. None of them has been published in any of the author's books of travel, and they certainly form an attractive contribution to African folk-lore. One of the most interesting is that entitled 'The Creation of Man.' It tells us how, after the waters had subsided, the moon conceived the idea of creating man. The toad, however, forestalled her; but the man and woman he created were full of imperfections, and the taint of their ignoble origin has adhered to them ever since. The moon, taking pity upon man, endowed him with reason and the gift of speech, gave him command over the animals, and taught him the arts of life. When man dies he returns to the moon. This myth, which was told Mr. Stanley in the Basoko country, explains the veneration shown for the moon in many parts of Africa, and accounts for the existence of "moon-lands" in various parts of that continent. Mr. Stanley claims to have rendered his stories almost literally; but this myth of the Creation is not free from Biblical reminiscences.

The True Story Book. Edited by Andrew Lang. (Longmans & Co.)—Mr. Lang need feel no "diffidence" about his last addition to children's libraries; even "true stories that really happened" are sure to be welcome when they are so judiciously chosen and well told, and when the editor has been so careful "to mix the stories up so much that no clear and con-secutive view of history can be obtained from them." This mixing, we hasten to explain—for Mr. Lang leaves the point uncertain—takes place in the arrangement of the stories in the book, and not in that of the various characters in the stories, so no parent need fear that his child's chronology will sustain permanent injury by reading about Prince Charlie making a hair's-breadth escape with Cervantes or Benvenuto Cellini, or anything of that kind. The editor cellini, or anything of that kind. The editor says that to his taste the story of the conquest of Mexico is simply "the best true story in the world, the most unlikely, and the most romantic." He prints it in this collection, and we share in his liking for it. He also includes the story of 'Prince Charlie's Wanderings' after Culloden, which some will think area. Culloden, which some will think even more exciting, though its effect is a little marred by compression. Children may, perhaps, discover while reading this that they are taking a dose of history unawares; but they are almost certain to want to read still more about the prince who for so many months was driven like a hunted animal from one lair to another; who saved his life, but probably during the effort to do so contracted a habit which rendered that life worse than valueless; and who yet, in spite of all, is still best known as "Bonnie Prince Charlie." The story of Grace Darling is very well told, but one characteristic touch is omitted. Mrs. McCunn says: "Darling hesitated to undertake anything so dangerous, but his daughter would hear of no delay." He, of course, recognized the all but utter hopelessness of any attempt at a rescue; but seeing how much her heart was set on making the effort, he said to his wife, "The lass mun hae her wull," and went. As a matter of fact, the Darling family always slightly resented "the fuss that was made about Grace, because, after all, she did not do one bit more nor wer father did." If Mr. Speed's excellent illustration gives If Mr. Speed's excellent illustration gives a correct representation of Grace Darling's a correct representation of Grace Darling's apparel—or, rather, want of apparel—on the occasion, it is not surprising that she died of consumption soon afterwards. 'The Tale of Isandhlwana and Rorke's Drift' is told by Mr. Rider Haggard, and told excellently; and 'The Adventures of Lord Pitsligo' are sympathetically

and delightfully related by the editor. We are decidedly glad to see that he promises another fairy book. He has already published two named after the primary colours; will the next be 'The Yellow Fairy Book'? We know not; we only hope that he will not cry, "Hold, enough!" until he has exhausted the secondary colours (of which he has as yet only used one), and even then we are prepared to follow him into what a distinguished art critic used to speak of as "the cool tertiaries."

The Good People of Palücz. By Coloman Mikszath. With an Introduction by Clifton Bingham. (Dean & Son.)—"What Bret Harte has done for California, Thomas Hardy for rustic Dorsetshire, Coloman Mikszath in his 'Scènes Hongroises' has done for his native country." So says Mr. Bingham in the preface to a book in which fifteen short stories are given to the world with all the advantages of good paper, good type, and large gaily-coloured illustrations, but not with the advantage of a good translator. The stories are simple and pathetic, but any little merit that they possess is obscured by such writing as this:—

must be such writing as this:—
"I hear the bells,' he whispers, 'I hear—I hear
the bells.' A sweet smile illumines his face, but
presently changes to a leaden bluish hue. The bells
come nearer and nearer. He already hears the
bleating of the sheep, the four leading rams springing joyously before the herd. His closed eyes see
them; once more he would open them, but that
is only the white of his eye. Once more he breathes
the sweet scent that they bring, but that is only the
last rattling in his throat."

Graeme and Cyril. By Barry Pain. With Illustrations by Gordon Browne. (Hodder & Stoughton.)— Graeme and Cyril' is a successful boys' book, although not a story of adventure or buried treasure. It is made up of bright and natural glimpses of the lives of some English schoolboys between the ages of nine and nineteen; and not the least good thing about it is the boys' own talk, which is extremely lifelike. Graeme is a capital little lad, not too much the hero of school fiction, consequently always a boy, and never an overstrained one. The end of the unfortunate Cyril strikes one as being a little too tragic for the tone of the story; but we have little wish to find fault with one that contains so many amusing and spirited pictures of boy life and character. If we mistake not, the author has enjoyed the whole thing as much as any one, which, no doubt, helps to make the book as readable as it is. If the illustrations do not very much help the matter, they at least do not

Real Gold: a Story of Adventure. By George Manville Fenn. (Chambers.) — The "real gold" of Mr. Fenn's story is the chinchona, to obtain the seeds of which beneficent tree Col. Campion braves the perils of the Andes, precipitous ravines, break-neck passes, bridges like that fabled for Moslem souls, and Indians bent on overpowering the intrusive stranger. These things being so, he naturally takes his son of tender years as his companion on the expedition, and is further accompanied by his son's youthful friend, who plays truant from the Peruvian coast to join the dangerous march. Whoso desires to learn all its thrilling incidents, and the courage and resources of the boyheroes, may study them in this book. It is, however, "more by luck than good guidance" that the colonel obtains a qualified success.

Pictures from Greek Life and Story, by the Rev. A. J. Church (Hutchinson & Co.), is almost an anecdotic history of Greece from 600 to 350 B.C., extracted chiefly from Herodotus, Thucydides, Plutarch, and Plato. It gives some little account of Solon, Miltiades, Cimon, Pericles, Socrates, and Epaminondas, interspersed with historical narratives of such great events as the battles of Thermopylæ and Salamis, the plague at Athens, and the Sicilian expedition, and, again, with such scenes of Greek life as

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the production of the 'Prometheus' in the Like all Mr. Church's work Athenian theatre. of this kina, it is deftly done, and may be read with pleasure and occasional instruction even by those who are familiar with the Greek authorities. The illustrations can hardly be said to enhance the value of the book.

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

SIR RICHARD TEMPLE is one of the most hard-working men in Parliament. Not content with slaving at his duties in the House and on the School Board, he is understood to keep a private diary, and in addition to it he issues Life in Parliament, in which he relates his experiences between 1886 and 1892, and which is published in pleasant form by Mr. Murray.
As Sir Richard Temple is a very strong Conservative, it is an excellent example of the fairness which is the best feature of the best English public life that he should be found to draw one of the most friendly portraits of Mr. Gladstone (in 1886) which have been published. It is worth quotation :

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"Naturally he was no longer the handsome man with a beautiful voice who had been wont to charm a listening Senate. But still his aspect was nobly picturesque, and when under excitement, he was grandly leonine. Advanced age had left its traces on him outwardly, and had impaired his matchless powers of elocution. The once resonant voice often would become husky, and at times almost inaudible, so that his oratory sank and fell with a cadence like the wind. But his persuasiveness for many minds remained in its highest degree. His impassioned gesture seemed to be quite unimpaired; it could not conceivably have ever been finer than it was in these days. When excited in speech he would swing his arm round like the sweep of a scimitar, and yet with a movement both graceful and appropriate. His hands, too, were most expressive, and by their motion or action helped him to enforce his arguments. Above all, there was the play of features in the care-worn countenance. Evidently he was in the highest sense of the term one of Nature's actors. It would be no disparagement of him to say that had he by accident of birth or fortune betaken himself to the stage, he would have been one of the greatest tragedians of modern times. As it was, I often saw him do perfectly well and without premeditation, as if by intuition, that which professional actors accomplish after long study, and then perhaps but imperfectly. The quality of his speeches was not quite what it once had been in all respects. The passion, the glow, the sympathy, the magnetism (to borrow an American phrase), remained as of yore. The poetic, pathetic, romantic passages in his oratory were still lovely—they could hardly have been lovelier even in the heyday of his career. But the power of marshalling a long array of facts and figures, of sustaining a lengthened argument analytically and synthetically—though still great—was not what it must have been in his palmiest days."

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have noted but one error. He says of 1886 that in its session

"the foundation was laid of several reputations which in future Sessions were destined to be great indeed—such as the instances of Mr. Goschen,"

and others. Considering that Mr. Goschen had previously been the youngest Cabinet minister of his time; that he had held office with signal distinction twenty-one years before the session named, and one of the highest offices in the State as early as March, 1871, when he became First Lord of the Admiralty; and that he had shown himself in 1880 one of the greatest of ambassadors, it is ridiculous to insert his name at the head of a list of those who began to make their reputations in the year in which Sir Richard Temple happened to enter Parliament.

MR. FRASER-MACDONALD'S volume Our Ocean Railways (Chapman & Hall) does not pretend to be a complete history of steam navigation, but it gives in a popular style as detailed an account as the public at large will care to read; and it is illustrated with useful maps and charts as well as a number of cuts. Mr. Fraser-Macdonald is a sensible man, and writes sensibly, but a little loosely. In accord edition in but a little loosely. In a second edition it may be as well to correct sundry oversights. The

Latin tag with which the author opens is incomplete, and contains a misspelling that ruins the scansion. On p. 71 for "in" read since; and on p. 114 is a sentence that is quite un-grammatical. There are other slight blemishes, such as speaking of the East India Company as in existence in 1872, and saying that "the first large Channel steamer, the James Watt, was built to run between Glasgow and Leith."

Mr. Fraser-Macdonald might have given more of a literary flavour to his volume had he mentioned the interest Shelley took in starting a steamer on the Mediterranean, or referred to the account of Miller of Dalswinton in Carlyle's 'Reminiscences.' The publishers have not ful-filled their duty of supplying an index.

WE were doubtful at first whether to regard Mr. Du Chaillu's new work, Ivar the Viking: a Romantic History based upon Authentic Facts of the Third and Fourth Centuries (Murray), as history, fiction, or folk-lore; but, as he himself in his preface prefers to call it a story, and we have no desire whatever to reopen a question which Scandinavian scholars consider definitively closed, we take it for what it professes to be, an historical romance, and as such we may say at once that it is a failure. The author claims for his book that it is a "lifeauthor claims for his book that it is a "life-like picture of the period"—the italics are our own. "The period" is a somewhat hazy expression, but, interpreted by the title-page, evidently means the third and fourth centuries of the Christian era. This chronology is a trifle perverse, perhaps, when we recollect that the first recorded appearance of the Vikings in Western Christendom was about the beginning Western Christendom was about the beginning of the sixth century, while their regular incur-sions did not begin till near the end of the eighth. But a trumpery matter of three or four centuries or so would never stand between us if only Mr. Du Chaillu had really given us a fairly good story about these fascinating Scandinavian filibusters. In point of fact he has not given us a story at all. 'Ivar the Viking,' though it rejoices in no fewer than four heroes and as many heroines, all as like as peas, and though it abounds with descriptions of voyages and raids and battles and sports and banquets and burials, has really no plot to speak of, while the characters which throng its pages have about as much vitality as wooden ninepins or wax dolls. The really valuable portions of the book (and they take up at least three-fourths of it) are the "descriptions of customs"; but as the author himself is careful to remind us that these same descriptions "are more fully, scientifically, and technically described in my work published three years ago, 'The Viking Age,'" there does not seem to be any reason at all for the publication of the present volume. We may add that Mr. Du Chaillu idealizes the brave but horribly brutal Vikings into courtly, romantic paladins, in-dulges in audacious flights of fancy which not even the plea of poetic licence can justify, and manifestly holds eccentric views on the subject of old Norse nomenclature.

The Paris Law Courts, translated from the French by Mr. Gerald Moriarty, and published by Messrs. Seeley & Co., is a bright and pleasant illustrated work, prettily got up, and fit to be a gift-book. The view given of the French law and of French lawyers is a fair one. The personal facts are not quite of the moment, and M. Waldeck-Rousseau is stated to have come to the front, as an ex-minister returned to the bar and admirable prosecuting counsel, "this year." The photograph of this distinguished ex-Home Secretary of France makes him look far too young. The portion of the book which will most interest English readers is that on the detective police and that on the Judge of In-struction, and the effect of the latter chapter will be to make Englishmen more satisfied with their own system.

To Gipsyland, by Elizabeth Robins Pennell (Fisher Unwin), if slight, is vivacious and read-

able. It records how Mrs. Pennell, under the guidance of her uncle, Mr. C. G. Leland, first made the acquaintance of some English gipsies at Philadelphia, how she next got to know the members of a Hungarian gipsy band there, and how, lastly, she and her husband took a bicycle run through Hungary. It will not tell much that is new to those who know that land much that is new to those who know that land and Little Egypt; still they will find it a pleasant reminder of their own past wanderings, and they cannot but be charmed with the eighty and more illustrations by Mr. Joseph Pennell, of which all are good and many admirable.

In The Marvellous Wisdom and Quaint Conceits of Thomas Fuller, D.D. (Pickering & Chatto), Miss Gosset has reprinted about one-third of Fuller's once popular book 'The Holy State,' and prefaced her extracts with a reproduction of the anonymous life of Fuller's circulty published in 1661. with a reproduction of the anonymous life of Fuller originally published in 1661. All those biographies which gave to 'The Holy State' a great deal of its piquancy and point are left out, and every approach to what may be shocking to prudes, male and female, is rigidly expunged. This is a very proper volume— very proper indeed. Why people will persist in hurling epithets at Fuller, however, as they do, passes our comprehension. Nobody seems they passes our comprehension. Nobody seems to be able to speak of him without a certain amount of affectation. He is always old Fuller, though he died in his fifty-third year; he said many smart things very cleverly, but why call him "quaint" and his jokes "conceits"? He was a wise man, not to say a worldly-wise one, but why annoy us by calling his wisdom marvellous? "We are ruined by Chinese cheap labour," complained Mr. Nye to his friend, and there is something of the kind to be feared in the purlieus of literature, from which may the powers above deliver us! We shall soon have "bureau" for inventing, providing, and registering catchpenny titles. This volume of Miss Gosset's is not the first of these affectations for which she is answerable. In her flyleaf she gives notice that she has already printed 'Quaint Charms, Knots, and Verses,' by George Herbert, and a 'Memento' of something or other. If only the insides of our books nowadays were equal in attractiveness to the outside, literature would be enjoying halcyon days.

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NAPOLEONIC LITERATURE.

11, Paternoster Buildings, E.C., Nov. 22, 1893.

I NOTICE that my name has occurred in some letters which have been addressed to the Athenœum on the above subject. It will save some misunderstanding if I remark that I posted a formal acknowledgment to your correspondent of his written communication to me: this. apparently, he has not received. I then lost no time in making his statements known to the editor of the Century at New York. Perhaps this was all that may an expublisher of the magazine.

T. FISHER UNWIN. this was all that lay in my province as English

MRS. GLASSE.

Upton Rectory, Didcot, Nov. 13, 1893.

In common with many of your readers I have to thank your correspondent of last week for informing us that there is a portrait of Mrs. Glasse extant, and that it is the frontispiece to 'The Mince Pye,' published in 1800. I do not think, however, that its authenticity is vouched for. Possibly any "cheery lady holding a small drinking glass of Cherry Bounce" may have passed muster for "the celebrated Mrs. Glasse." I should like very much to see it. It is not in the Hope collection of portraits in Oxford.

I am afraid that it was but too true that the excellent lady became bankrupt in 1754. There were no other warehouse-keepers of that name, and the engraved advertisement to her fourth edition distinctly styles her of the Prince of Wales's Arms in Tavistock Street, Covent Garden, and her book was sold there. foolish story of the book being written by Sir John Hill, the doctor, needs no refutation. Cumberland, in his 'Memoirs,' makes a ridi-culous statement to that effect. I was not aware till lately that anybody attributed it to Aaron Hill, which could not be entertained for a moment. I have never seen the seventh edition of 1760 and the Jewish receipts. I should like to know when Mrs. Glasse died. With your permission some day I will return to the subject.

RICHAED HOOPER.

YOUR correspondent's ingenious theory touching the authorship of the 'Art of Cookery,' that "Dr. Hill" is a misreading for Cookery, 'that "Dr. Hill" is a misreading for "Dr. King," is hardly tenable. There can, I think, be no reasonable doubt that the book was done by Hill. Mr. G. A. Sala, with whom I had a controversy on the subject some years ago in the Times, recently took occasion to tell me, in his column of the Sunday Times, that I based my his column of the Sunday Times, that I based my allegation as above upon a "curious mistake" of Dr. Johnson's. Mr. Sala's editor, in the exercise of his impartiality, interposed the ægis of his waste-paper basket, and suppressed a letter in which I showed that the "curious mistake" was Mr. Sala's own. Such mode of procedure, however, does not get rid of the fact that it was Dilly, the publisher—himself no less famous as an Amphitryon, by the way—who, on Wednesday, April 15th, 1778, told Johnson and a select company that Glasse's 'Cookery' was written by Hill, and that half the trade knew it. The writer of the Glasse article in the 'Dictionary of National Biography' alludes to this authoritative statement as "a report," and this authoritative statement as "a report," and argues that the "style of the book is irreconcileable with this view." Which is as who should say that the "style" of Hill's 'Inspector' proves that he never wrote on botany. Moreover, Dilly's evidence is corroborated by that of Richard Cumberland, who ('Memoirs,' 4to., 259) says that even the mighty Dr. Hill went dinnerless till he had taught the world to dine; and, further, by a passage in 'Physic and Physicians' (Longmans, 1839, i. 67), where a cookery book of Hill's manufacture is referred to.

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The trade edition of the 'Art of Cookery,' 1774, has "H. Glasse" facsimiled across the title-page, and, in an undated edition of the

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Cooke, of 17, Paternoster Row, it is stated that the work is by "H. Glasse, author of the 'Art of Cookery,'" whose signature is again facsimiled—the worthy habit-maker being by then defunct, most likely. That—Hill being a hack writer—she may have acquired proprietary rights in both these compilations is, of course, quite possible. That it suited the trade to call them hers is clear. But that, except upon Crummlesian principles, she was the author of either, there is Mr. Sala's ipse dixit to show, and the weighty evidence which I have adduced to disprove.

W. F. Waller. hack writer-she may have acquired proprietary

In the Athenaum of November 11th the mention of Dr. King by Miss Jennett Humphreys in this connexion, and quoting 1714 as the publication of 'Apple Pye,' gives occasion to call attention to an earlier issue of these culinary verses, viz. in 'The Northern Atalantis; or, the York Spy,' &c., which bears the imprint of A. Baldwin, near the Oxford Arms in Warwick Lane, 1713. George Clulow.

THE 'DICTIONARY OF NATIONAL BIOGRAPHY.'

The following is the sixth part of a list of names which it is intended to insert under the letter P (Section II.) in the 'Dictionary of National Biography.' When one date is given, it is the date of death, unless otherwise stated. An asterisk is affixed to a date when it is only approximate. The editor of the 'Dictionary will be obliged by any notice of omissions addressed to him at Messrs. Smith, Elder & Co.'s, 15, Waterloo Place, S.W. He particularly requests that when new names are suggested, an indication may be given of the source from which they are derived.

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Prichard, James Cowles, ethnologist, 1785-1848
Prichard, Rees, divine and poet, 1579-1644
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Pricket, Robert, poet, 1606
Pridden, John, antiquary, 175-1825
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Pridden, Sarah, courtean, 1692-1724
Pride, Thomas, colonel, "Pride's Purge," fl. 1654
Prideaux, Sir Edmund, Commissioner of the Great Seal, 1659
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Prideaux, John, Bishop of Worcester, 1578-1659
Priest or Preest, Robert, physician and author, 1589
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Priest, Phomas, landscape painter, 1738
Priestley, Joseph, man of science, 1733-1804
Primerose, Gilbert, Scottish divine, 1643
Primerose, Januel, 1806
Primerose, Archibald John, 4th Barl of Rosebery, 1783-1868
Primrose, Gilbert, brigadier under Marlborough, fl. 1705
Prince, John Henry, author, fl. 1800
Pring, Martin, sea captain, 1580-1828
Pringle, Andrew, Scotts Solicitor-General, 1776
Pringle, Robert, of Stichill, "writer to the signet, 1649
Pringle, Robert, politician, fl. 1750
Pringle, Short, 1749-1879
Pringle, John, writer on India, fl. 1793
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Procter, Adelaide Anne, poetess, 1825-1864 Procter, Bryan Waller, poet, 1787-1874

Procter, Richard Wright, Manchester antiquary, 1816-1881
Procter, Thomas, poet, fl. 1600
Proctor, John, divine, fl. 1555
Proctor, Richard Anthony, astronomer, 1837-1888
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Proctor, Thomas, sculptor and history painter, 1753-1852
Prout, Samuel, painter, 1783-1852
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Prowse, Ann, verse-writer and translator, fl. 1590
Prowse, William, physician and chemist, 1786-1850
Proyee, William, rear-admiral, 1828
Prujean, Sir Francis, physician, 1666
Pryce, William, physician and mineralogist, 1725*-1790
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Pryne, George, political economist, 1781*-1863
Pryme, George, political economist, 1781*-1869
Pryne, Sir Carbery, mine owner, 1695
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Pralmanarar, George, impostor, 1679*-1763
Pucker, John, author, 1596
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Pucker, John, author, 1595
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Puckering, Sir Thomas, High Sheriff of Warwickshire, 1592-1636
Puckle, James. 'The Club' fl. 1704
Puddicombe, Rev. John Newell, poet, fl. 1780
Pudsey, Hugh de, Earl of Northumberland and Bishop of Durham, 1125-1195
Pugh, Hebert, Irish landscape painter, fl. 1775
Pugh, Robert, controversialist, fl. 1686
Pugh, William Owen, lexicographer, 1759-1835
Pugin, Augustus Welby Northumore, architect, 1812-1852
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Pugin, Edward Welby, architect, 1834-1875
Puleston, Hamlet, political writer, 1666
Puleston, Sir John, judge, 1659
Pullan, Richard Popplewell, architect, 1888
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Pullein, Rev. Samuel, Archibishop of Tuam, 1667
Pullein, Rev. Josiah, Vice-Principal of Magdalen College,
Oxford, 1839-1714
Pullen or Pullus, Robert, cardinal, 1150
Pullen, Tobias, Bishop of Cloyne and Dromore, fl. 1690
Puller, Sir Christopher, Chief Justice of Bengal, 1772-1824
Pulman, George, antiquary, 1883
Pulteney, Daniel, politician, 1731
Pulteney, Sir John de, Daron, 1300
Pulteney, Richard, botanist, 1730-1801
Pulteney, William, ist Earl of Bath, 1682-1764
Pulton, Andrew, Jesuit, 1654-1710
Punshon, William Morley, Wesleyan divine, 1823-1881
Purcell, John, 'Treatise of the Colick,' 1730
Purcell, Henry, musician, 1659
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Purcell, Hoby, General, fl. 1890
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Purislove, or Silvester, Robert, Suffragan Bishop of H
1579

Purver, Anthony, Quaker and author, 1702*-1777

Purvey, John, friend of Wycliffe, fl. 1396

Puseley, Daniel, 'Frank Foster,' 1815-1882

Pusey, Bdward Bouverle, divine, 1800-1882

Pusey, Billip, agriculturist, 1799-1855

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Puttenham, George, author, 1530*-1600*

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Pye, John, engraver, 1782-1874

Pye, Sir Robert, Parliamentarian, 1701

Pye, Samuel, M.D., 'Moses and Bolingbroke,' 1772

Pye, Thomas, writer on usury, fl. 1604

Pye, Sir Thomas, admiral, 1785

Pye, Sir Walter, lawyer and antiquary, fl. 1640

Pye, William, author, 1557

Pyle, Thomas, theologian and author, 1674-1756

Pym, John, statesman, 1584-1643

Pym, Sir William, K.C.H., surgeon, 1776-1861

Pym, William Wollas on, divine, 1792-1850

Pyue, George, painter, 1884

Pyne, James Barker, painter, 1800-1870

Pyne, Valentine, Master Gunner of England, 1603-1677

Pyne, William Henry, miscellaneous writer and pain 1769-1843

Pynebeck, Walter, monk, fl. 1333

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PILGRIMAGES TO MECCA.

Mr. BICKNELL's interesting note on the European travellers who have visited Mecca does not include the 'Six Months in the Hejaz,' issued in 1887, which described the visits of Mr. John F. Keane to Mecca and Medina in 1877-8.

OSSIAN IN FICTION.

THE author of 'An Ancient Ancestor' writes:

"Is it quite fair to a novelist to accuse him of 'heaping up a cairn of fictitious incidents,' when he (the author) expressly states in his preface that

there is more fact than fiction in his narrative? Ossian's grave in the Isle of Arran can be seen by any one who cares to visit it. The grave has been excavated, and the cist containing the ashes of the bard has been found. I may have 'romanced' a little, but the facts on which I build my tale are actualities. Your reviewer is not alone in pointing fun at my Greek monogram and my Latin inscription; but every student of archæology knows that the tombstones of heroes who lived and died in the early ages of the Christian era have been found in the British Isles similarly inscribed. Wales abounds in these incised stones, and there are others, besides Ossian's, in Scotland. As for the manuscripts of Ossian's poems, I challenge any one to prove that my statements regarding them are untrue. Indeed, I have not dared to tell in my book—a mere novel—half that I know."

We have no space for another Ossian controversy; but a little more experience will probably teach the writer to regard most of his supposed facts as fiction.

BEALINGS BELLS.

THE reviewer of Mr. Thiselton Dyer's 'Ghost World, in the Atheneum of November 11th, asserts "on good authority" that the earlier disturbances were caused by disrepair; the later, by mischievous young men. Is it indiscreet to ask for the evidence? What is the source of the "good authority"? The explanation given is infinitely the most probable and acceptable, but who vouches for it as a matter of his own personal knowledge? I am induced to ask whether, without indiscretion, the nature of the authority can be made public, because every fair-minded reader must have observed that testimony which would never be taken for a ghost is gladly welcomed if it tells against a ghost. Thus Scott, in the introduction to 'Woodstock,' demolishes 'the Just Devil of Woodstock," a Royalist goblin, on authority which is remote, undated, unsigned, contradictory of known historical facts, and, above all, introvable. Some anonymous contributor to a magazine, long after the events, asserts that he has seen papers by one "Funny Joe Collins," of Oxford, in which Joe claims the credit of having a contradiction of the contradiction of th caused the disturbances. The original statement of Joseph, like ille sicarius in De Quincey, non est inventus. Now reverse the case; suppose that, in a magazine nearly a hundred years after date, an anonymous contributor says that he has seen a paper, by a certain Funny Joe Collins (otherwise unknown), in which Funny Joe avers that he saw a ghost, or witnessed a non-natural set of disturbances. Even some spiritualists would see that this evidence was not worth a farthing. Besides, even if there really existed a Funny Joe at Oxford under the Restoration, he had a good motive for pretending to have caused disturbances which proved his loyalty, and annoyed the Parliamentary Commissioners.

It is, of course, incalculably more probable that the Woodstock affair was caused by Cavaliers than by sprites. But can any one say that the authority for this explanation, so long accepted, is "good"? It is remote, anonymous, historically incorrect, and when Scott accepted it, he illustrated the logic of manly common sense. No proof in favour of a ghost is good, any assertion against a ghost is good proof. Just in the same way confessions of witchcraft wrung out by torture are, very properly, considered worthless; confessions of imposture in pretended witchcraft, also extracted by torture (as in cases mentioned by Eusebius of Caesarea), are appealed to as excellent evidence. What is sauce for the ghost is not sauce for the gander. Thus, writing of the notorious affair of the Drummer of Tedworth (the realest in the bours of Mr. Monte. worth (the racket in the house of Mr. Momworth (the racket in the house of Mr. Mom-pesson, in 1661-1663), Mr. Dendy, in his 'Philosophy of Mystery,' says: "Mr. Mom-pesson confessed that the mystery was the effect of contrivance." No authority could be better than that of Mr. Mompesson, the owner of the house at Tedworth. But Mr. Mom-

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pesson not only made no such confession as Mr. Dendy alleges, but repudiated the rumour that he had so "perjured and belied himself," in a letter to Glanvil, November 8th, 1672: "I am sure there neither was nor could be any

cheat."

These examples, with many others, show that even the authority against an abnormal occurrence needs to be tested, a circumstance which sound manly common sense is apt to disregard. For common sense, just like superstition, is wont to believe what it wishes to believe without minute inquiry. I do not mean to impugn the excellence of the authority cited by the reviewer, but, of course, it cannot be accepted before it is stated, any more than unstated authority for a Headless Horseman can be regarded as valid. Moreover, if the modus operands in the imposture can be revealed, it may be of service to householders whose bells go on ringing (as in a recently printed anecdote) after the wires are cut! The nature of the authority for this anecdote, however, is to me unknown. Of course, much less evidence is needed to prove a probable than an improbable fact. But even to prove a probable fact, as in any court of justice, the evidence must be good, and at first hand.

A. Lanc.

*** We fear it would be indiscreet at present to make public our grounds for our statement.

VOLTAIRE IN ENGLAND.

Some years ago I contributed to the Comhill Magazine two papers on Voltaire's residence in England. These papers were afterwards enlarged, and in 1886 were republished as an essay entitled 'Voltaire in England.' My essay was an attempt to supply what I ventured to call an unwritten chapter in literary history. Carlyle had complained that "mere inanity and darkness visible" prevailed in all Voltaire's biographies over this period of his career. I took great pains with my work, collecting many facts and particulars both from printed and unprinted matter, and this period in Voltaire's career was, if I man he allowed the correct dark matter.

if I may be allowed to say so, dark no more.

My attention has been directed to a volume recently published by Messrs. Smith & Elder, entitled 'Voltaire's Visit to England, 1726-29,' written by a gentleman whose name is not known to me, Mr. Archibald Ballantyne. This gentleman has done little more than reproduce my essay in another form. Without one word of acknowledgment he has appropriated almost all my matter—transcribed, in the foot notes of his pages, my references to printed books and to MSS., adopted my conclusions and he results of my researches. He has not himself added to what he found in my essay one single fact of the smallest importance, or a scrap of necessary illustrative detail from MSS. or books to which my references had not directed him. Of this I do not complain. But that he should have dismissed cursorily a work which he has done little more than reproduce as "Mr. Collins's very short essay," for the purpose of concealing his obligations, is an act as disingenuous as it is contemptible. The "very short essay" consists of three sections and sixty-nine closely printed octave pages. His own 332 pages is simply my work expanded in large type, with irrelevant matter, extracts, and quotations. It is one thing to utilize the labours of another man—to that he was heartily welcome; it is quite another thing to conceal and misrepresent them that obligations on such a scale as these might be disguised.

J. Churton Collins.

Literary Gosstp.

Lord Tennyson, who is at Farringford, engaged upon the memoir of his father, wishes to borrow all letters of the late Laureate which are not mere formal notes

written in the third person. And as soon as he has copied such letters as may be entrusted to him he will return them to the lenders.

Mr. SWINBURNE contributes to the December number of the Nineteenth Century his recollections of the late Prof. Jowett, between whom and himself an affectionate friendship had been maintained from Balliol days down to the Master's lamented death. A sketch of Prof. Jowett will appear in the December number of Temple Bar, written by one who saw much of him during many years of his life.

THE denominational restrictions at King's College have caused concern, it is said, to the Gresham University Commissioners; and the Council of the College are taking the matter into special consideration in view of the forthcoming report. A revision of the rule which requires every professor and lecturer to declare himself a member of the Church of England has been urgently advocated, we believe, by the medical staff in particular, and a memorial in that sense was addressed by them to the Council some time ago. There should be no difficulty in retaining all essential safeguards for religious teaching in accordance with the traditions of the College; and it is felt by many of its supporters that a mechanical rule which prevents the Council from electing, for example, a Scotch Presbyterian to a medical professorship, is much more in keeping with the militant clericalism of the times from which the College dates its foundation than with the real sentiments of most Churchmen at the present time.

Mr. Maskelyne, of the Egyptian Hall, is going to issue through Messrs. Longman a volume on 'Modern Methods of Cheating at Games of Chance and Skill.' It will constitute an exposure of the methods and devices employed in cheating at the present day, and a revelation of the secrets of the modern gaming sharp. Mr. Maskelyne will also give an account of the appliances supplied to swindlers for the better performance of their malpractices by firms who flourish, he says, by this more than dubious traffic. Mr. Maskelyne claims for his volume that it is quite unique of its kind.

Arrangements have been made for the publication by Messrs. Macmillan & Co. of a selection from the letters of the late Prof. Hort. Friends who possess such letters are invited to send them for this purpose to Mr. Arthur F. Hort, The Moat, Harrow. When any available passages have been copied the letters will be immediately returned.

The popular author of 'Gossip of the Century' has in preparation a profusely illustrated volume on the Elban episode in the life of Napoleon, the result of personal research among various French and Italian archives, and of a visit to the curious and neglected island.

YET another volume of reminiscences of the Indian Mutiny is promised by Messrs. Macmillan & Co., but this time, as never before, the narrative comes from an actor who viewed from the ranks the scenes which he describes. The record has been revised by an officer who was himself present at many of the operations mentioned, and it is hoped that the straightforward story told by Mr. Forbes-Mitchell, late sergeant in the 93rd Highlanders, will be all the more welcome that he takes up the pen where Lady Inglis laid it down, so that in a sense his book may be regarded as a continuation of hers.

Mr. Leslie Stephen's lecture on Matthew Arnold, delivered at Owens College, Manchester, is to appear in the National Review.

Messes. Longman will publish the Burnett Lectures of 1892 and 1893, of which Dr. W. C. Davidson finished the delivery at the University of Aberdeen a week or two ago. The title will be 'Theism as grounded in Human Nature, historically and critically Handled.'

Folk-lore, hitherto the joint property of the Folk-lore Society and Mr. Nutt, will in future be the sole property of the Society. Mr. Jacobs gives up the editorship from pressure of other work, and the journal will henceforth be edited by a committee consisting of Mr. Clodd, Miss Roalfe Cox, Mr. Gomme, Mr. Jacobs, and Mr. Kirby, with Mr. Alfred Nutt as chairman and acting editor.

The forthcoming number of Folk-lore will contain the following articles: 'Cinderella and the Diffusion of Tales,' by Mr. A. Lang; 'Some Recent Utterances of Mr. Newell and Mr. Jacobs Criticized,' by Mr. A. Nutt; 'Pin Wells and Rag Bushes,' by Mr. E. S. Hartland; 'The Edinburgh Dinnshenchas,' Irish text edited from Kilbride XVI., with translation and notes, by Dr. Whitley Stokes; 'The Sanctuary of Mourie,' by Miss G. M. Godden (illustrated); 'Melanesian Folktales,' collected and translated by the Rev. R. H. Codrington, &c.

Mr. W. Roberts, whose work on 'Printers' Marks' appeared last week, is preparing for immediate publication a book entitled 'Christie's: a Chapter in the History of Art,' which will be illustrated.

Mr. William Mackay, a solicitor at Inverness, who has for many years been engaged collecting material for it, has been writing an account of Urquhart and Glenmoriston. The work will be illustrated with a facsimile of a letter addressed to Edward I. of England in 1297 by the governor of the castle—"the oldest," wrote Bishop Leslie in the sixteenth century, "belonging to the king"; a portrait of Patrick Grant, one of the Seven Men of Glenmoriston; and cuts of the Urquhart brooch, the sword and shield carried by John Grant of Glenmoriston at Killiecrankie, &c.

The catalogue of rare and curious books in Mr. Gosse's library, which Mr. Lister has prepared, will, it is hoped, be delivered to the subscribers before the end of this month. It has been printed at the Ballantyne Press, in an impression limited to sixty-five copies. Lord De Tabley contributes a prefatory poem, Mr. Austin Dobson an epilogue, and in the body of the work will be found between twenty and thirty unpublished poems by well-known writers.

MR. MARSHAM ADAMS is contributing an article on 'The Religion of Ancient Egypt' to the forthcoming number of the New

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able to pay another hundred guineas to the Printers' Pension Corporation towards the establishment of the Second Readers' Pension. The Pitt Press has contributed ten guineas, while subscriptions have recently been received from Sir Theodore Martin, Mrs. Richmond Ritchie, Mr. Austin Dobson. Mr. Thomas Hardy, Messrs. Bentley & Son, Messrs. Sampson Low & Co., Messrs. Mac-millan, Mr. J. Murray, Messrs. Smith & Elder, Mr. Vernon Whitaker, and others.

AFTER closing his door steadily against interviewers for several weeks past, Mr. A. C. Colquhoun has finished the work on 'Matabeleland: the War and an Account of our Position in South Africa,' for which the Leadenhall Press gave him a commission, and he is going to take advantage of his freedom to read a paper on Matabele-land before the Colonial Institute on Tuesday next.

It is proposed to purchase the library of the late Mr. R. L. Bensly, and preserve it entire, as a memorial of him. The Syriac portion (which is the most valuable part) is estimated at about 300l. It is regarded as practically complete, and besides it contains several annotated books, among which is an annotated Syriac lexicon, containing the results of its owner's extensive reading. It is hoped that, if subscriptions come in liberally, the entire collection of Syriac and Arabic books, as well as books relating to the ancient versions of the Bible, may be secured. Mr. H. T. Francis, of Gonville and Caius College, is the secretary of the committee formed to secure the success of the scheme.

WE regret to record the death of Mr. Thomas Spencer, of the firm of J. & T. Spencer, booksellers, Leicester, in his sixtyfirst year. The printing and bookselling business was established about forty-two years ago, and the deceased, in conjunction with his brother, the late Mr. John Spencer, produced various publications of an historical character, such as Leicestershire Notes and Queries.

Col. R. W. Routledge, of the Broadway firm, who has for more than thirty years been actively connected with the volunteer movement, has resigned the command of his regiment, after being complimented by Lord Methuen and General Grenfell on his services.

THE essays in the volume which Messrs. Macmillan & Co. will publish under the title 'Witnesses to the Unseen, and other Essays,' have been contributed from time to time by Mr. Wilfrid Ward to the Nineteenth Century, the Contemporary Review, and other leading periodicals. They are for the most part suggestions towards the solution of the problem, how far our own convictions should be influenced by the public opinion of our time, as represented by its intellectual leaders. The volume of 'Letters of Travel,' which the same firm promise, by the late Bishop Phillips Brooks, is an informal record of a chapter in his life which was always of the greatest delight to him, and in it are represented many of his most obvious personal characteristics. It is a forerunner of the fuller biography which is to follow.

THE intelligence reached London too late for our last issue of the death of the Baroness Tautphœus, the author of 'Quits' and 'The Initials,' excellent novels both of them. She was an Englishwoman, married to a South German baron.-The decease is also announced of one of the proprietors of the Times, Mr. H. F. Walter.

It is in contemplation to hold an International Congress of Journalists next year at Antwerp, where a meeting has just been held in reference to the matter, and a committee to carry out the project has been

THE Parliamentary Papers most likely to interest our readers this week are Royal Commission on Labour, Foreign Reports, Vol. V., Germany (1s. 1d.); and Statutes made by the Governing Bodies of Oriel, Queen's, and Trinity Colleges, Oxford (1d. each).

SCIENCE

The International Folk-lore Congress, 1891: Papers and Transactions. Edited by Joseph Jacobs and Alfred Nutt. (Nutt.) THE highly successful and interesting Folklore Congress held in 1891 finds a fitting and attractive record in this stout volume of near 500 pages. The book is, indeed, amusing reading, quite apart from the charm nursery tales, folk-tales, and superstitions have for all of us, especially when we succeed in persuading ourselves that we are studying them on truly scientific principles.

The main contest raged about the relation of folk-lore to anthropology-a word which has itself, in time past, been the theme of almost Homeric logomachies. Mr. Andrew Lang, the President, opened with a frank admission that if any one were to ask how and where folk-lore differed from anthropology, he should be at a loss for a reply. Mr. Hartland, the Chairman of the Folk-tale Section, defined and defended the anthropological theory of folk-tales. Prof. Rhys, the Chairman of the Mythological Section, was equally clear on the claims of the anthropological method of studying myths. Even Sir Frederick Pollock, in his short, but decidedly interesting address to the Institu-tions and Customs Section, though he did not use the word "anthropology," assumed throughout that the methods of that science were those that should be employed.

On the one side, therefore, there is a strong concurrence of authority, but the authors of papers did not bow to it. Mr. Newell, who contributed a learned memoir on the tale of Lady Featherflight, stated his conclusions as follows :-

"The origin and history of a folk - tale common to many countries, such as this, may be figuratively represented by the illustration of a species of vegetable which has originated in an early civilization at a time so remote that from the first moment of its discernible history it possesses a cultivated character. This vegetable, again, under the influence of civilization, is differentiated into new varieties, arising in different localities, each one of which, on account of advantages which it appears to offer, may in its turn be introduced into distant regions, and even supersede the original out of which it was developed, this dissemination fol-lowing the routes of commerce, and ordinarily proceeding from the more highly organized countries to those inferior in the stage of culture."

Highly ingenious and very well put, but flat heresy from the anthropological point of view. Mr. Newell was followed by M. Cosquin, who, in a smartly written French paper, went for his "honorable contrapaper, went for his dicteur, M. Andrew Lang"; but the most strenuous advocate of the diffusionist theory was Mr. Joseph Jacobs. "Anthropology, he said,

"takes the place nowadays that mythology once usurped, and the poor Folk-tale is set the task of finding survivals for her envious sister Anthropology.....No anthropologist worth his salt would accept as evidence of a custom its existence in a folk-tale unless confirmed by archæological research in other directions..... That Mr. Lang, of all persons, should fail to feel that many folk-tales are masterpieces of constructive literary art surprises me, I must

Mr. Jacobs will not even admit the doctrine of his ally, M. Cosquin, that India is the original home of the folk-tale. He has designed, however, a most curious and interesting folk-tale map of Europe, and has, with the amazing industry that belongs to his character, compiled an alphabetical list of folk-tale incidents common to European folk-tales, with bibliographical references. Spare copies of his most useful map can be obtained by folk-lorists on application, and this privilege ought to be appreciated.

Mr. Jacobs's co-editor, Mr. Nutt, took up

the cudgels for anthropology :

"The principle upon which Mr. Newell went was an entirely false one, and in so far as Mr. Jacobs countenanced that theory Mr. Jacobs also was wrong. They must in all cases look to the root rather than the perfect flower. The quest of the anthropologists was of more permanent value for the general store of human science than the other."

In an excellent paper on the problems of heroic legend he further developes his views, and suggests that even now it may be practicable to test the historic basis of truth in hero-tales of the past by observation of the men who fashion, believe in, and are inspired by hero-tales of the present.

To the Mythological Section M. Ch. Ploix contributes a paper in French on the myth of the Odyssey. He denies it any historical basis, and even asserts that the passages of the epic which have any interest for folk-lorists are few and unimportant.

Mr. Leland's contribution to the volume is one of great value and extreme interest. During the past five years he has collected in a mountainous district of Italy, called the Romagna Toscana, a mass of traditional observances and superstitions, which he traces with skill and probability to the old Etruscan beliefs, that have survived in Northern Italy in the form of a complete system of superstition ten times as influential as Christianity. The spirit Tinia, presiding over lightning, thunder, and storms, and appealed to by the peasants to give them good harvests, seems to be easily identified with Tinea, the Etruscan Jupiter; Faflon, the spirit of the vineyards, with Fufluns, the Etruscan Bacchus; Teramo, the spirit of merchants, thieves, and messengers, with Turrus, the Etruscan Mercury, and so forth. Of the hundred magical cures recorded in the fourth century by Marcellus of Bordeaux as gathered by him among old women and peasants, Mr. Leland has found fifty to be still practically in use

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Mr. Paton follows with a suggestive paper on the holy names of the Eleusinian priests. A hierophant on his admission to the office dropped for ever his original name, and had a new or holy name given him, which he was, nevertheless, obliged to keep secret, only communicating it under the like seal of secrecy to those whom he initiated. The holy name was committed to the sea, and upon this incident Mr. Paton founds a curious inquiry into the symbolism of the act, and its relation to the rite of baptism and other solemn ceremonies of lustration.

Miss Mary A. Owen supplies a vivid description of her experiences among the Voodoos, whose charms and superstitions are doubtless founded on those practised by the negroes in Africa. She was fortunate enough to witness the production of a luck-ball by Alexander, king of the craft, whom she induced to consecrate it by a sort of prayer for the benefit of Mr. C. G. Leland, for whom she also procured a magic stone. These savage conjurers claim to give power to their charms by intense force of will.

Mr. Gomme's contribution to the discussion of origins was made to the Institutions and Customs Section, and related to his favourite subject of the village community, which he throws back to the time of the "non-Aryan aborigines"; but as we have had the opportunity of commenting upon his theories in reviewing his book on 'Ethnology in Folk-lore,' they need not be restated here.

Space will not allow of our mentioning all the interesting papers contained in the volume now before us. Both for theory and practice—as a record of what is to be said on both sides of many of the questions which students of folk-lore are seeking to decide, and as a storehouse of facts relating to tales, customs, and superstitions—it will be constantly referred to for many years to come. A catalogue raisonné of the remarkable exhibition of objects connected with folk-lore which took place during the congress, illustrated by woodcuts of some of the more curious, adds to its value as a work of reference.

ASTRONOMICAL NOTES.

The planet Mercury will be at greatest western elongation from the sun on the 14th prox., and be visible about that time before sunrise in the constellation Scorpio. Venus will be at greatest eastern elongation on the 6th. She will be in conjunction with the moon on the 12th, and will set on the 31st at 8 o'clock in the evening. Mars rises now a little before 5 o'clock in the morning in Libra; on the 7th prox. he will be in close conjunction with the star α in that constellation. conjunction with the star a in that consequence. Jupiter remains in Taurus, and passes the meridian about 11 o'clock at night; he will be in conjunction with the moon on the 20th prox. Saturn is in Virgo, moving slowly towards the eastern part of that constellation; he rises now a little actor 2 clock in the morning and will a little after 3 o'clock in the morning, and will be in conjunction with the waning moon on the 3rd prox., and again on the morning of the last day of the year.

The famous red spot on Jupiter's disc has become very dim, though retaining its oval form. Other changes of detail on the surface are perceptible.

It appears, from a communication in Astronomy and Astrophysics, No. 118, that comet b, 1893, was sighted as early as the morning of

June 20th by Mr. Sperra at Randolph, Ohio, U.S. It was then of about the sixth magnitude or less, round, nebulous, with condensation towards the centre, perhaps 3' in diameter. Mr. Sperra observed it for several weeks, under the impression (being at a distance from astronomical publications) that it was Finlay's periodical comet (a, 1893). It was observed by Signor V. Cerulli at Teramo on the morning of the

GEOGRAPHICAL NOTES.

MESSRS. HACHETTE send us the first part of an Atlas de Géographie historique, which is ultimately to consist of fifty-four maps, accompanied by descriptive letterpress and an index. The maps are to be printed in colours, and their compilation has been entrusted to a body of twenty two specialists, among whom are of twenty-two specialists, among whom are MM. Maspero, Lognon, Guiraud, Haussoulliers, Diehl, Gauckler, Gallois, Haumont, and others of established reputation. The geographical groundwork of the maps will be furnished by M. F. Schrader.

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The map of Zambesia by E. P. Mathers, the editor of the South Africa newspaper (office of 'South Africa'), is neatly engraved, but is scarcely up to date, for none of the forts recently built in Nyasaland, not excepting Fort Johnston, is shown, and persons consulting the map will look in vain for places like Fife or Rhodesia. The accompanying letterpress, which deals with the Matabele and facilities of transport, is of some interest. We thus learn that Fort Salisbury may be reached from London in thirty-two days by the Cape

thus learn that Fort Salisbury may be reached from London in thirty-two days by the Cape route at a cost of 50%. The Beira route only costs 34%, but takes ten days longer.

The map of Northern India in the new edition of W. & A. K. Johnston's Royal Atlas is rather disappointing, for it takes no notice whatever of recent changes along the north-west

Prof. A. Wichmann, of Utrecht, in a carefully written article on the inland lakes of Celebes, pub-lished in *Petermann's Mitteilungen*, shows very clearly that Mr. Wallace was mistaken when he stated that "a subsidence of a few hundred feet would reduce Borneo into a shape very similar to that of Celebes." As a matter of fact an upheaval of even six hundred feet would affect the grotesque shape of Celebes only to a small extent, whilst the denudation of the whole island would scarcely suffice to fill up its deep

Capt. Axel Staggemeier has published a map of the world in six sheets, to which he has map of the world in six sneets, to which he has given the somewhat mysterious title of Prospect of Geographical Positions (Copenhagen, Lehmann & Stage; London, Stanford). The Polar regions, down to lat. 30°, occupy two sheets; the rest of the world (on Mercator's projection) occupies four sheets. The maps are mere outlines, with a selection of names, and their author hopes that they may prove of service in placing on record the geographical distribution of phenomena. For that purpose, however, a chart of the whole world, or two hemispheres, would have proved more useful.

Dr. Gerhard Schott's 'Wissenschaftliche

Ergebnisse einer Forschungsreise zur See, published as a supplement to Petermann's Mitteilungen, is a record of observations made during a voyage to Japan and back, which was performed in 1891 and 1892 on board of vessels belonging to the well-known firm of Rickmers, of Bremen, who granted the author a free passage. Dr. Schott's observations extended to the temperature of the sea, the density of sea water, ocean currents, wave movements, and the usual meteorological phenomena. He enters largely into the merits of the instruments used and the methods of computation employed by him, and illustrates his highly valuable contribution to hydrography and maritime meteorology by a number of maps. Two of these maps exhibit the salinity of the Southern

Atlantic and the seas of Eastern Asia. It is satisfactory that the former of these maps is essentially in agreement with that published by Mr. Buchanan in the 'Challenger Reports.'

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liminary reports by Mr. S. Bruce and Mr. C. D. Donald on the voyage towards the Antarctic Sea which they performed last season on board Dundee whaling vessels; an account of journeyings in the Pamirs by the Earl of Dunmore, who speaks most highly of the welcome extended to him by the Russian officers; a paper on Nyasaland by Lieut. B. L. Sclater, with a good map of the Shire highlands; and an article on the determination of geographical longitudes by photography, by Dr. Schlichter. The author of the article named last confines himself to lunar distances. There can be no doubt that with distances. There can be no doubt that with respect to them the camera or photogrammeter yields more trustworthy results than does the sextant; and if a set of lunars sufficed for computing a longitude, this method, not now mooted for the first time, would prove a godsend to ex-plorers not very skilful in handling instruments.

SOCIETIES.

ROYAL.—Nov. 16.—Sir J. Evans, Treas. and V.P., in the chair.—Notice was given of the ensuing anniversary meeting (November 30th), and auditors of the Treasurer's accounts were elected.—Prof. Worthington was admitted into the Society.—The following papers were read: 'On Hepatic Glycogenesis,' by Dr. Noel-Paton,—'On certain Correlated Variations in Carcinus moenas,' by Prof. Weldon,—'Contributions to the Mathematical Theory of Evolution,' by Prof. K. Pearson,—and 'Experiments in Heliotropism' and 'Experiments in Germination,' by Prof. Romanes,

ASIATIC.—Nov. 14.—Lord Reay, President, in the chair.—Twenty-four new Members were elected.—Dr. M. A. Stein read a paper 'On Tours, Archæological and Topographical, in and about Kashmir.'

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British Archæological Association.—Nov. 15.—Mr. A. Wyon, Treasurer, in the chair.—Mr. R. Quick exhibited some interesting antiquities recently found in Egypt, among which was a finely carved face in sycamore wood. — Mr. Oliver described the brass of William Brian, ob. 1395, at Seal, Kent. The monument is in perfect condition, and the figure is represented in plate armour.—Mr. Loftus Brock reported that the recent demolition close up to the Roman Bath, Strand Lane, had not revealed any evidence of Roman work adjoining to it on any part of the south side.—Mr. C. Davis described the curious seatin St. Nicholas's Church, Aberdeen, made for the craft of bakers ("baxters") in 1607. It is remarkable for having each of its panels filled with a merchant's mark. A full-sized drawing was exhibited.—Mr. J. M. Wood described some excavations now in progress for the waterworks at Colchester, and exhibited a large collection of fragments of Samian ware, ornamented with figures of gladiators, &c., which were found during the progress of the works.—The first paper was 'On the Parish Church of Leeds, Kent,' by the Rev. J. Cave Browne. The fabric is an interesting building, containing some good features of Norman work, but in the recent restoration several Saxon windows were found, each having deep splays inside and out. Some of the masonry is formed of what has been called tafa, which proves to be a light deposit of lime, which is dug in the locality. The fine screen, now partially restored, was described by Mr. Saunders, who exhibited a drawing showing it in its perfect condition. Several photographs of the church were also exhibited. The fabric is close to the site of Leeds Priory, of which there are no remains visible above ground; but the church was shown by documentary evidence to be of earlier foundation.—The second paper was 'On Merchants' Marks,' by Mr. H. S. Cuming. The history of these curious signs was trace

NUMISMATIC.—Nov. 16.—Mr. H. Montagu, V.P., in the chair.—Messrs. R. English, R. Henrichson, H. M. Lund, O. Raphael, and R. F. M. Sims, and Major R. R. Sturt were elected Members.—Dr. B. V. Head exhibited a Parthian tetradrachm from the same dies as the specimen described in the Num. Chron. (Proceedings), Dec. 19th, 1889. The weight of the present specimen, 273 grs., was, in Dr. Head's opinion, sufficient evidence that these two coins were struck

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from forged dies.—Mr. L. A. Lawrence exhibited two pennies of Offa, slightly differing from any published specimens.—Mr. A. E. Packe exhibited a specimen of the ryal of Henry VII., and Mr. Montagu a selection of gold sovereigns from Henry VII. to James I., and an unpublished halfpenny of Henry VII. struck by Cardinal Morton, with his initial, M, on the reverse.—Mr. R. A. Hoblyn exhibited a Theatre Royal (Drury Lane) pit ticket, dated 1671, the obverse of which is from the same die as that of the first halfpenny of Charles II. (August, 1672) and of the QVATVOR MARIA undated pattern halfpenny, the date of which is thus approximately fixed to the early part of 1672.—Lord Grantley read a paper on a styca of Alchred, King of Northumbria, and Archishop Egbert, of York.—Mr. J. L. Myres read a paper on some local bronze coins of Crete, collected by him from villagers in the two westernmost provinces of the island. The greater part of the coins exhibited came from the sites of the ancient towns Polyrhenium and Elyrus. Several specimens were previously undescribed, but the main interest of the collection consisted in the light it threw upon the comparative importance of the various cities of Western Crete, and upon their commercial relations with one another. relations with one another.

METEOROLOGICAL.—Nov. 15.—Dr. C. T. Williams, President, in the chair.—Twenty-three new Fellows were elected.—Mr. F. J. Brodie read a paper 'On the Great Drought of 1893 and its Attendant Meteorological Phenomena.' The author confined his investigation to the weather of the four months March to June, during which period the absence of rain was phenomenal. The mean temperature over England was about 4° above the average. Along the south and south-west coasts the sunshine was between 50 and 60 per cent. of the possible duration. The rainfall was less than half the average amount over the southern and eastern parts of England, the extreme south of Ireland, and a portion of Durham and Northumberland; while over the southern counties of England generally the fall amounted to less than one-third of the average. The smallest number of days with rain was at the North Foreland, where there were only eighteen.—Mr. M. Marriott gave an account of the 'Thunder and Hail Storms' which occurred over England and the south of Scotland on July 8th, 1893, and were in many instances accompanied by squalls of wind. It was during one of these squalls that a pleasure-boat was cansized off Skeyness. squalls of wind. It was during one of these squalls that a pleasure-boat was capsized off Skegness. that a pleasure-boat was capsized off Skegness. About noon a thunderstorm, accompanied by heavy hail and a violent squall of wind, passed over Dumfries and along the valley of the Nith; many of the hailstones measured from 1 in to 1½ in. in length. At the same hour a similar storm occurred at Peterborough. From about 2 until 10 P.M. there was a succession of thunderstorms over the north east of England and south east of Scotland, and at many places it was reported that the thunderstorms were continuous for nine hours. Immense hailstones—4 in. and 5 in, in circumference, and some as much as 3 in. in diameter—fell hours. Immense hallstones—4 in. and 5 in. in circum-ference, and some as much as 3 in. in diameter—fell at Harrogate and Richmond in Yorkshire. Great damage was done by these storms, all windows and glass facing the direction from which the storm came being broken. It is computed that within a radius of five miles of Harrogate not fewer than 100,000 panes of glass were broken. The thunder-storms in the northern part of the country travelled generally in a north-north-westerly direction at the rate of about twenty miles an hour. They appear rate of about twenty miles an hour. They appear to have taken the path of least resistance, and consequently passed over low ground and along river valleys and the sea coast. Several storms seem to have followed each other along the same track,

INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.—Nov. 21.—Sir B. Baker, V.P., in the chair.—The following papers were read: 'On the Tansa Works for the Water Supply of Bombay,' by Mr. W. J. B. Clerke,—'On the Baroda Waterworks,' by Mr. J. Sadasewjee,—'On the Water Supply of Jeypore, Rajputana,' by Col. S. S. Jacob,—and 'On the Design of Masonry Dams,' by Prof. F. Kreuter, of Munich.

HISTORICAL.—Nov. 16.—Sir M. E. Grant-Duff, President, in the chair.—The following gentlemen were elected Fellows: Rev. T. Edwards, Messrs. C. R. Beazley, W. Mate, W. H. Russell, and H. Childs. —A paper was read by Mr. J. H. Round 'On the Shooting of Lucas and Lisle on the Surrender of Colchester, 1648,' reviewing the evidence available for the whole case, and vigorously protesting against the condonation of a "barbarous murder" by certain recent historians.—Mr. H. E. Malden and Mr. C. R. Beazley took part in the discussion, in which the importance of Mr. Round's arguments was fully recognized. was fully recognized.

FOLK-LORE.—Nov. 15.—Mr. Laurence Gomme, President, in the chair.—The following short papers

were read: 'On Preserving a Person from Drowning,' by Mr. W. B. Gerish,—'Magpie Folk-lore,' by Mr. E. Peacock,—'Masock, a Game played by Cingbalese Fisher-boys near Colombo,' by Mrs. Murray-Ayneley,—'The Fifth of November,' by Miss Burne,—and 'On some Incidents in Two Murder Trials at Chittoor (North Arcot),' by Mr. E. Sewell. Mr. Sewell exhibited a photograph of a charm from Chittoor for causing the death of a person.—Mr. F. Fawcett then read a lengthy paper 'On some of the Earliest Existing Races in South India,' giving details from personal observation of customs at marriages, deaths, and village festivals. Mr. Fawcett exhibited a Hindu marriage card, a string of beads worn by women, a silver ornament embossed with gold, worn by Kullen women, earrings, bent sticks or boomerangs, and various articles of dress.—Mr. A. Nutt then read a paper 'On some Recent Utterances of Prof. Newell and Mr. Jacobs, in which he discussed the theories of borrowing advocated by those two scholars to account for advocated by those two scholars to account for parallels in folk-tales all over the world. Mr. Nutt for the first time formulated the propositions put forward by the school who advocate the borrowing hypothesis, and then contrasted their insufficiency hypothesis, and their contracted and meantainly to account for all the phenomena as compared with the anthropological hypothesis, concluding a singularly lucid argument by a rough view of the historic period of European life from its folk-lore aspect.

ARISTOTELIAN.—Nov. 20.—Mr. S. H. Hodgson, President, in the chair.—Messrs. W. H. Fairbrother, J. S. Mackenzie, G. S. Rhodes, and H. Sturt were elected Members.—Mr. D. G. Ritchie read a paper elected Members.—Mr. D. G. Ritchie read a paper 'On the Conception of Necessity as applied to Nature and Man.' The object of the paper was to attempt to prove that the only necessity which can be recognized in the order of nature and in the phenomena of human society is a necessity of thought, a logical necessity. J. S. Mill maintained this opinion, but without admitting its full import; for in his theory of inference he denied any necessity in thought itself. The possibility of knowledge implies that there are "necessary truths," or rather, that all truth which is really and completely truth is necessary. Truth and logical consistency are not ultimately distinct. "Chance" or "contingency" is merely a name for our ignorance. The scientific study of nature involves the assumption that nature is throughout an intelligible and coherent system. study of nature involves the assumption that nature is throughout an intelligible and coherent system. In a "law of nature" the "must" is the "must" of logical necessity, not of legislation; and such "laws" are most correctly formulated in hypothetical propositions. "Causes" are not ultimately distinguishable from "reasons." The necessity eliminated from physical causation by Hume reappears as a necessity of thought. The supposed ethical objections to psychological processing the proposition of the supposed ethical objections to psychological processing the supposed of the su Hume reappears as a necessity of thought. The supposed ethical objections to psychological necessitarianism are mostly removed by a recognition that physical necessity is logical necessity; yet necessitarians have, as a rule, given too little attention to the importance of ideas (e.g., of freedom, of Divine grace) as causes indirectly influencing human conduct through the feelings that may gather round them gather round them.

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL.—Nov. 20.—Mr. H. Wheatley in the chair.—A paper was read by Mr. Redgrave 'On Erhard Ratdolt and his Work at Venice,' and illustrated by a remarkable collection of works printed by Ratdolt from the lecturer's own library.—In the discussion which followed, Mr. Weale, of the National Art Library, mentioned the recent discovery of Ratdolt's habit of covering his books with paper wrappers, on which were printed decorative bookers and the title of the west. with paper wrappers, on which were printed decorative borders and the title of the work,

MEETINGS FOR THE ENSUING WEEK

oyal Academy, 4.—'Chemistry,' Mr. A. H. Church. ondon Institution, 5.—'Zante and its Earthquakes,' Rev. H. A.

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Institute of Actuaries, 7.—'An Enquiry into the Methods of representing and giving Effect to the Experience of a Friendly Society, &c., Mr. R. P. Hardy.
Society of Arts, 8.—'The Art of Book and Newspaper Illustration, Lecture I., Mr. H. Blackburn. (Cantor Lecture) Geographical, §.—'Antarctic Exploration,'Dr. J. Murray.

Civil Engineers, S.—'Discussion upon the Papers 'On Impounding Reservoits in India, and 'The Design of Masonry Dams.'
Society of Arts, S.—'The Regulation of Street Advertising,'Mr. E. Evans. TUES. WED.

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Messes. Longman are going to issue a "Civil Engineering" series, edited by the author of 'Notes on Building Construction.' Among the

volumes in preparation are 'Tidal Rivers,' by Mr. W. H. Wheeler, who is known as a writer on the drainage of fenland; 'Notes on Dock Construction,' by Mr. C. Colson, of the Devonport Dockyard; 'Railway Construction,' by Mr. W. H. Mills, of the Great Northern Railway of Ireland; 'Calculations for Engineering Structures,' by Prof. Claxton Fidler, of Dundee; and 'The Student's Course of Civil Engineer. ing,' by Prof. ve College, London. by Prof. Vernon-Harcourt, of University

THE first instalment issued of "Allen's THE first instalment issued of "Allen's Naturalist's Library" is to consist of the opening volume of the treatise on 'British Birds' by the editor of the series, Dr. Bowdler Sharpe; the monograph on 'Monkeys,' which will be contributed by Mr. H. O. Forbes; and that on 'Butterflies,' which Mr. W. F. Kirby has put together.

MR. COOLIDGE has consented to undertake the task of supervising the new edition of Ball's 'Guide.' Mr. W. M. Conway has become editor of the Alpine Journal, in succession to Mr. A. J. Butler, who finds his time too much occupied to permit him to continue to look after

PROF. HENRY B. ORR, of the University of Louisiana, is about to publish through Messrs. Macmillan & Co. a small volume entitled 'A Theory of Development and Heredity,' in which, by a critical review of the facts of biology in the light of the great conclusions derived from the allied sciences of physics and psychology, he has attempted to bring together a number of facts and conclusions which have not generally been supposed to be related.

FINE ARTS

ARCHITECTURAL LITERATURE.

The Chronology of Mediaval and Renaissance Architecture. By J. Tavenor Perry. (Murray.) —It was an excellent thought of Mr. Perry's to collect and tabulate the known dates of structures "from the building of the ancient Basilica of St. Peter's, Rome, to the consecra-tion of the present church." The period covers tion of the present church." the rise, growth, and decay of architecture in Europe, and a well-authenticated list of dated examples would be most useful to antiquaries. But we are sorry to have to say that this nicely got-up book is disappointing when put to the test of use. In the first place the tables, which ought to be as concise as possible, are overloaded by the introduction of much which, on Mr. Perry's own showing, is not relevant to the matter; for example, the dates of the consecration of churches, which may be separated from their building even by centuries. Then there is want of clearness in the description of subjects and in references to authorities. To take an example at random, the first entry under the year 1340 runs: "Bratton. S. James erected. 1," and we are left to guess that this "S. James" who or which was "erected" in 1340 is St. James's parish church at Bratton. Having got so far, and knowing how seldom it falls to the lot of an antiquary to find certain proof of the date of the building of an old parish church, we turn with interest to the authority which is indicated by the figure 1, referring us to a table at the end of the book. There we find it given as "The Antiquary," which we take to mean, not Sir Walter Scott's famous romance, but a quarterly review of the same name which has been running for a good number of years. This is a wide reference, but nothing to the next—No. 2—which runs: "Archæologia and the Publications of the several London and Provincial Archæological Societies." We wonder that it did not occur to Mr. Perry that a reference to the library of the British Museum might serve for all. But, we repeat, the idea of the book is good, and we hope Mr. Perry will work it out again in better , '93

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The Churches of Paris from Clovis to Charles X.

By S. Sophia Beale. (Allen & Co.)—This is a
rather garrulous and very discursive book on
the churches of Paris and a great many other
matters more or less distantly connected with
them or suggested by them. It would be more pleasant to read if every page were not larded with French words and phrases which the writer seems to use almost unconsciously, and some-times does not even mark by the customary times does not even mark by the customary italics. Where a French writer is quoted the quotation may properly be left in the original, but if a passage in Latin is quoted in an English book it is strange to find it, as we do here, translated for the information of the unlearned into French; and it is tiresome to the reader to meet in every few lines a French word or form for the use of which there is not the excuse that we have not an exact equivalent the excuse that we have not an exact equivalent in English. Sometimes, too, we find borrowings from other languages than French—for example, the verb sculp, which is perhaps American. But apart from its literary form the book may, if not taken too seriously, be of use to the large class of English visitors to Paris who feel an interest in church buildings and church ways. In spite of the ravages of the "restorer," who is, if possible, a more noxious beast in France than he is in England, there are still some churches in Paris worth visiting; and there is information about them here which we do not remember to have seen gathered together in any other book. Although the author expressly disclaims originality in the the author expressly disciams originality in the historical descriptions, her work is not a mere home-made compilation, and it is evident that she knows the buildings of which she writes. On matters within her own experience she is often entertaining. But when she tells us that the custom of distributing holy bread was peculiar to the old rite of Paris, and is said to peculiar to the old rite of Paris, and is said to commemorate the feeding of the people during a siege, we are not struck by the depth of her study of ecclesiastical antiquities. We find a few words condemning the making of things new by "Restoration," but the results of it are often highly praised, and at least half of the which is all but rated one coince of old, work or subjects illustrated are copies of old work or altogether modern, including the devils on the cathedral, of whom Mrs. Beale seems to be very fond.

Pictorial Architecture.—France. By the Rev. H. H. Bishop, M.A. (Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.)—By "pictorial architecture" Mr. Bishop seems to mean architecture such as will afford material for a picture book. Some years ago we had before us a book on Greece and Italy with like title and by the same author. The new book is perhaps, as to its text, a little better than that. But the pictures, which are the more important element, are hardly so good, which may be because good photographs are often not to be had in France away from a few great towns. The books are suited to the parish library, and if they help those who use them to form some idea of what things are like "abroad," and by chance now and then awake a desire to learn more, they will serve the purpose for which they seem to have been published.

NEW PRINTS.

For artists and amateurs of art per se, the third part of 'Reproductions of Drawings in the British Museum,' which has been published by the Trustees, is one of the most interesting of the many works for which they are indebted to those authorities. The drawings reproduced in this issue consist exclusively of portraits by masters, chiefly of the German, Flemish, Dutch, and English schools, drawn either in chalk of one colour or in pencil; and the reproductions are of the same sizes, and, so far as it is possible, the same colours as the originals. Chronolo-

gically they begin with the so-called A. Dürer's portrait of his father, a capital specimen, despite the bad drawing of one of the eyes, the skilful, but tortured style, and the dubious perspective of the planes of the features; and they end with John Jackson's chalk sketch of Wilkie, rather coarse and unsympathetic, but otherwise veracious. Haydon, an artist of deeper insight than Jackson, or rather, perhaps we ought to say, one in more intimate touch with Wilkie before he became Sir David (it is dated 1817), made a much more refined, and therefore truer, likeness than this. As a draughtsman, truer, likeness than this. As a draughtsman, all draughtsmen greatly prefer Lucas Van Leyden to Dürer, and the 'Portrait of a Man Unknown' justifies their opinion. An even better draughtsman was Van Dyck, whose old friend Caspar Gevarts in his ineffably fine portrait seems to breathe and be about to speak. Well might Waller address with enthusiers the siasm the

Rare artisan, whose pencil moves Not our delights alone, but loves!

And well might Cowley deplore his death in And well might Cowley deplore his death in admirable verse. 'Rubens by Himself' is not so delightful, but 'J. Van Campen by P. Saenredam' is almost biographical, and more quaint and vivacious than Livens's head of Admiral Tromp, resolute and indomitable as he looks. Livens's 'Man Unknown' resembles a print by Suyderhoef, so rich in colour and brilliant is it, but it has not that exquisite pathos of individuality which marks the portrait of Gevarts. Of the rest of these charming drawings we cannot speak in detail, and we can drawings we cannot speak in detail, and we can only name them: 'C. Dujardin,' by himself; 'C. de Visscher,' by himself; Mary Beale's 'A. Cowley,' like a fat boy; R. Nanteuil's 'G. Ménage'; R. White's 'Bunyan' and 'Sir M. Hale'; T. Forster's 'Geo. St. Lo'; the elder Richardson's 'Sir I. Newton' and 'Sir J. Thornhill'; C. Turner's furtively-made sketches of 'J. M. W. Turner'; 'Girtin,' by himself; and Goya's 'Duke of Wellington,' which was drawn in the evening after the battle of Sala-manca. One sees that it was done by lamp-

manca. One sees that it was done by lamplight in a shadowy tent or gloomy room.

Messrs. Virtue & Co. have sent us a small "proof on India paper," engraved in the line manner, which they rather hastily describe as "probably the last line engraving which will be executed in this country." It was made by Messrs. W. M. Lizars and J. Greatbach for the Art Journal, from Mr. Holman Hunt's 'Finding of the Saviour in the Temple' or rather more of the Saviour in the Temple,' or rather, more probably, from M. Blanchard's brilliant and learned plate after that work, in the pure line manner. The technique and lighting of the new plate suggest as much, but it is not the less acceptable as a small version of a great picture, solid, luminous, and firm, and, without allowing much for the reduced scale of the little print, is quite a wonder in its way, and failing only in two or three of the Jews' faces.

From Mr. Lefèvre we have received an artist's proof of acapital plate engraved, with the painter's warm approval, by Mr. J. B. Pratt from Mlle. R. Bonheur's 'After a Storm in the Highlands,' representing a shepherd surrounded by his flock and ensconced beneath an overhanging ledge and ensconced beneath at overlanging ledge of rock, while rain sweeps along the mountain side, and the dripping stones, the drenched sheep, and runnels gleaming amid the herbage, indicate the violence of the downpour. The engraved surface measures 31 in. by 23 in., and is activated and highly characteristic rendering of a capital and highly characteristic rendering of the vigorous picture, its original. Mlle. Bon-heur's peculiar touch, her special coloration, and the tone scheme she adopts so often, as well as the textures of the fleeces and the man's garments, are as fortunately given as the effect of the storm and the expression of the shepherd. The plate is the companion to 'Scotch Cattle at Rest,' by the same artist and publisher.

To Mr. Trythall Rowe, at Cookham Dene, who is his own publisher, we are indebted for

four artist's-proof etchings of 'Great Marlow,' delicate, sunny, and sympathetic little prints, touched with a light hand and firm, yet soft. We can recommend them to the lovers of original We can recommend them to the lovers of original prints. They are, on the whole, much better than a similar set, with similar subjects, by the same etcher, which we praised some years ago. The subjects are views of streets in the town, and the riverside with the church, the steeple and tower of which seem too hard and liney.

fine-Art Cossip.

In January next the Portfolio enters its twenty-fifth year, and will appear in a new form and newly arranged, while retaining the services of Mr. P. G. Hamerton as its editor. Until now it has issued three plates each month; it will, with the new year, give four, some of which will, as occasion requires, be coloured. The size of the pages is to be reduced, but not the quantity of matter in each number; the new page will be of the same size as the Gazette des Beaux-Arts; instead of twenty-four pages the number will in future be eighty, the price remaining as before. Instead of a collection of articles which are more or less brief, and therefore unsatisfactory to writers who care for their subjects, each number of the new Portfolio will be devoted to a single theme, which in certain cases will be extended to fill two numbers, and be richly and copiously illustrated. The following writers have undertaken to supply monographs:
Mr. P. G. Hamerton on 'Rembrandt's Etch-Mr. P. G. Hamerton on 'Rembrandt's Etchings,' Mr. F. G. Stephens on 'Dante G. Rossetti,' Prof. A. H. Church on 'Wedgwood,' Mr. C. Phillips on 'F. Walker,' the Rev. W. K. R. Bedford on 'Malta and the Knights Hospitallers,' Mrs. J. Cartwright on 'Bastien Lepage,' and Mr. W. Armstrong on 'Mr. W. Q. Orchardson.'

On Saturday next Messrs. Boussod, Valadon On Saturday next Messrs. Boussod, Valadon & Co. will hold at their new galleries, 5, Regent Street, Pall Mall, a private view of water-colour drawings of Mr. D. S. MacColl. The galleries will be opened to the public on the following Monday. From Monday next until Saturday, December 30th, Mr. Larkin will exhibit at the Japanese Gallery a number of drawings "executed on the spot" by Mr. John Varley at Agra, Delhi, Cawnpore, Lucknow, and Benares, the final series of the artist's tour in the East. in the East.

At 46, Pall Mall may be seen a picture painted by Mr. J. Fraser, representing 'The Final Struggle between the Britannia and Navahoe for the International Gold Vase,' Messrs. R. Groom & Co. are about to publish a photogravure of this painting.

AT a sale by Messrs. Robinson & Fisher on the 16th inst., Rosa Bonheur's 'A Landscape, with Highland Cattle,' fetched 183l.; and the same artist's 'Deer coming to Drink at Sunset' was bought in for 490l. Hoppner's 'A Portrait of Mrs. Philip Hill' fetched only 24l.

The picture-selling season at Christie's begins to-day (Saturday), when ancient and modern paintings, the property of Mr. A. Woodiwiss, Mr. W. Millman, and other collectors, will be brought to the hammer, and works ascribed to R. Ansdell, T. S. Cooper, Mr. F. Goodall, G. Morland, C. W. Wyllie, James Ward, Wilkie, Crome, and Gainsborough will be sold.

An extra general meeting of the Hellenic Society will take place at 22, Albemarle Street, on Monday next at 5 r.M., for the purpose of hearing an important paper by Mr. Arthur Evans, on a Mycenean treasure from Ægina which has lately been acquired by the British

THE Dean and Chapter of Norwich are appealing to the public for 12,000t, to be spent upon what are called "improvements and repairs" which it is proposed to execute at the cathedral by the year 1896, which will be the eight hundredth anniversary of the church. Reference

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is made to a report by Mr. J. L. Pearson, which, however, is not published; and the work hitherto done at the church has not been such as to inspire confidence. We therefore earnestly beg all who may be willing to help forward a really necessary work at the church to withhold their subscriptions until a definite statement is made as to what is intended to be done and the way it is intended to do it.

Mr. Ruskin's 'Verona, and other Lectures,' will be published by Mr. George Allen early in 1894. It is to form an octavo volume, but 250 special copies, with India proofs of the plates, will be issued in quarto size.

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"In years gone by, previous to the revolutionary outbreaks in Europe in 1848, there was a notable picture in the Grand Ducal Gallery at Florence of a lady, life size, three-quarter length, with her left thand in her gold chain and her right hand gloved, with an animal peculiar to Hayti and South America, called the agouty, lying along her arm, and held in her right hand by a gold chain and ring in its nose. The picture furnished Mrs. Merrifield with an illustration for her work 'Dress as a Fine Art.' This picture was by Il Parmegiano, and supposed by some to be a portrait of his wife. Since 1848 this picture has disappeared. Can any of your numerous readers kindly give any clue to its present whereabouts?"

THREE hundred pounds has been already collected of the 750% required for the excavations at Lystra. This includes, however, the contribution of the Geographical Society, which is given for exploration grant and not for is given for exploration generally, and not for excavation at Lystra, and that of the University of Oxford. Private subscribers will need to give liberally if the 2,000%. required by the scheme of the Asia Minor Exploration Fund is to be raised.

Mr. Elliot Stock announces for early publication a new work by E. V. B., under the title of 'A Book of the Heavenly Birthdays.' It will be fully illustrated by the author.

THE mass of Rembrandt literature goes on increasing. The latest addition announced is by the Russian amateur M. Rovinski, whose recent catalogue of the master's etchings and its accompanying comprehensive atlas of photographic reproductions form one of the most useful aids provided for students and collectors. M. Rovinski's new undertaking is to consist of a similar catalogue and atlas of reproductions for the work of Rembrandt's known satellites and imitators in etching, including Bol, Livens, Van Vliet, Eeckhout, Kramer, Peter de Grebber, Renesse, De Witt, and others. The author, as in his former work, proceeds on the lines laid down long ago by Bartsch, but has, of course, much new material to add to that which Bartsch had seen and described. In his prospectus M. Rovinski makes some very sensible remarks on the various attempts which have been made—e. g., first by Mr. Seymour Haden, and much more rashly since by M. Gonse, on the authority of Prof. Legros—to abstract and distribute among Rembrandt's contemporaries a greater or less number of the etchings traditionally attributed to himself. Nothing could serve more usefully to bring the value of any such attempt to a practical test than such a catalogue as M. Rovinski now announces from the authenticated work of the secondary etchers of the Rembrandt group.

Another volume just announced in con-nexion with the same subject is of a more biographical and popular kind, namely, a life of Rembrandt's first wife, Saskia van Ulenburgh, by Mr. C. K. Bolton. The materials for the separate treatment of the subject seem slender, but the recent researches, both artistic and historical, of Messrs. Bode, Bredius, and de Groot, have of late considerably increased them; and so it comes about that within a short time of the completion of M. Émile Michel's great monograph on the artist, we are to have this separate account of his wife, illustrated by

reproductions of the various paintings and etchings which she inspired.

Dr. R. Dohme, the permanent secretary of the Royal Academy of Arts at Berlin, has recently died at the age of forty-eight. Dr. recently died at the age of forty-eight. Dohme was the author of several works on art, of which may be specially mentioned his 'Das königliche Schloss in Berlin,' 'Kunst und Künstler des Mittelalters und der Neuzeit, Biographien und Charakteristiken,' &c. (part of which has been translated into English), and 'Das englische Haus.'

THE authorities of the Louvre are about to organize between the Salle des Pastels and the Salle des Tapisseries a large collection of Japanese works of art.

MESSES. BOUSSOD, VALADON & Co. will issue during the coming season a number of new prints of various kinds, including the following:—
Etchings: 'Oaks by the Pond,' by M. Brunet-Desbaines, after J. Dupré; and 'Solferino,' by M. Kratké, after Meissonier. Goupilgravures: 'Charity,' after Meyerheim; 'A Royal Reprieve,' by Mr. L. Pott; and 'The Surrender of Huningue in 1815,' by E. Detaille. Facsimiles in colours: 'Routed,' after Paris; 'Presenting the Colours,' after Loustaunau; and

THE important collection of prints formed with much taste and outlay by Dom Ferdinando (of Saxe-Coburg), the husband of Maria da Gloria, will be sold at Cologne immediately. It comprises, besides many modern French and German examples, no fewer than one hundred and fifty-six Hollars of noteworthy quality and

THE death of M. Hippolyte Destailleur, the well-known Paris architect, is announced. He was not only distinguished in his profession, but was a great collector of prints.

MUSIC

THE WEEK.

CRYSTAL PALACE.—Saturday Concerts. St. James's Hall.—Popular Concerts. Mile. Gerardy's Pianoforte Recital. M. Siloti's Pianoforte Recital. Symphony Concerts.

A TRIFLING addition was made to the repertory of the Crystal Palace Concerts last Saturday in Mr. Claudius H. Couldery's 'Cradle Song,' a melodious and graceful little piece, andantino in D flat, with an alternative section, slightly quicker, in F minor. The scoring is delicate and tasteful, as befits a pupil of the late Stern-dale Bennett. Berlioz's symphony 'Harold in Italy,' which appears to be steadily growing in popularity, was finely rendered, and Mr. H. Krause was admirable in the viola solo part. We must protest once more, though probably without result, against the introduction of such an inartistic piece of work as Liszt's orchestral version of Schubert's Pianoforte Fantasia in c, Op. 15. There are many fine concertos seldom or never heard, and M. Siloti might have selected one of them in preference to what may fairly be termed a musical caricature. In the unsigned notice of the work it is said that Liszt "has arranged merely, making no additions of his but further on we read of a cadenza for the pianoforte, "a small portion only of which is found in the original work." But apart from this, much of the orchestration is far more in the manner of Liszt than of Schubert, and Mr. Manns might increase the debt of gratitude which English musi-cians owe to him by firmly insisting that the pianists engaged at these concerts

should choose for their principal effort pure, and not perverted music. Schubert's 'Rosamunde' Overture and Beethoven's Leonora ' No. 3 were included in a generally excellent programme, and Mrs. Hutchinson was commendable in her songs, particularly in two by Alessandro and Domenico Scarlatti.

The programmes of the Popular Concerts thus far during the current season have been less hackneyed than usual, and Mr. Chappell deserves thanks, both for the additions he is making to his catalogue and for the performances of works not previously heard for many years. Thus last Saturday Miss Fanny Davies revived Handel's Suite in D minor, Book 1, No. 3, which had been permitted to slumber for nineteen years. Though not, perhaps, so interesting as some of its companions, this suite is certainly worthy of an occasional hearing, and it was, of course, well played. Another item was Saint-Saëns's Pianoforte Quartet in B flat, Op. 41, an extremely wellwritten work, though perhaps more note-worthy for sound musicianship than genuine inspiration. This had only been performed once before, as far back as 1879. A third unfamiliar work was Valentini's Violoncello Sonata in E, Op. 8, the quaint melodic grace in which was exquisitely interpreted by Signor Piatti. The pianoforte part built on the composer's figured bass by the Italian violoncellist is excellent, though unpractical purists would probably urge that not a note should be added to the original, which, of course, means that the instrumental masterpieces of the seventeenth and first half of the eighteenth century should repose quietly on the shelf. Haydn's Quartet in B flat, Op. 64, No. 5, was in-cluded in the programme; and Miss Liza Lehmann was very charming in songs by Bishop and Thorne.

Until Monday evening Goldmark had only been represented at these concerts by his Suite for Piano and Violin in E, Op. 11, frequently played by Señor Sarasate and Madame Berthe Marx. His symphony 'The Country Wedding' has gained some favour in this country, but the work which abroad is regarded as the Hungarian composer's masterpiece, his opera 'Die Königin von Saba,' is unfortunately inadmissible here by reason of its subject. The Quintet in B flat for pianoforte and strings, Op. 30, introduced on Monday, is an elaborate and ambitious work, not to be lightly dismissed after one hearing; but it may be said, at any rate, that the subject-matter is bright and clear, and that the details show strong musicianly feeling, though of distinct individuality we did not discern much. The other instrumental items in this programme were Tartini's rather threadbare violin sonata 'Il Trillo del Diavolo,' exquisitely played by Lady Halle; Beethoven's Sonata in A, Op. 101, of which Herr Schönberger gave a fair but by no means unexceptionable rendering; and Schubert's Quartet in a minor, Op. 29. Mr. David Bispham sang Loewe's splendid song 'Archibald Douglas' very finely, and he was accompanied to perfection by Mr. Henry Bird.

The appearance of Mile Thomas County

The appearance of Mile. Theresa Gerardy as a pianist on Tuesday afternoon was quite justified, for although she is only one year the senior of her brother, the wonderful 3

child violoncellist, she has every right to be judged as an artist, and not as a prodigy. Her touch is crisp and pure, and her technique generally excellent, though her execution in the left hand was at times uncertain. Extremely thoughtful and intelligent performances were given of Mozart's Rondo in A minor, Bach's 'Chromatic' Fantasia and Fugue in D minor — of which, almost as a matter of course, the Hans von Bülow edition was adopted—and some pieces by Henselt, Chopin, and Mendelssohn. Her reading of Beethoven's Sonata in c sharp minor, Op. 27, No. 2, was merely that of a clever student; but this was her only unsatisfactory effort in the course of a lengthy recital. Mr. Edward Arthur, a young tenor with a very light but pleasant voice, sang Mozart's "Il mio tesoro" and Balfe's "She walks in queen-like grace" with good taste.

M. Siloti, a Russian pianist of ability, who gave a recital at St. James's Hall on Wednesday afternoon, made his first appearance in London in May last year, and the slight notice he could obtain at such a busy period of the year was, on the whole, favourable, although not enthusiastic. It cannot be said that on the present occasion he displayed genius of a commanding order, but he played some pieces by Bach and Handel with the chastened expression music of the early eighteenth century should receive, and without any of the senseless additions to the text in which so many pianists are prone to indulge. He was also acceptable in the first and second movements of Chopin's Sonata in B flat minor, Op. 35, but the trio of the 'Funeral March' was played at such an extraordinarily rapid pace that all the tenderness was taken out of the music. There are no tempo marks in the movement, and, so far as we are aware, there is no authority for quickening the speed at this point. After this came a number of brilliant pieces by Tschaïkowsky, Arensky, Tausig, and Liszt, in some of which M. Siloti punished his instrument in a manner calculated to astonish rather than delight listeners with any pretensions to artistic

Mr. Henschel's Symphony Concert on Wednesday evening commenced with a new overture by Mr. Emanuel Moór, a Hungarian musician who has settled in this country. A symphony from his pen obtained favourable notice recently, and the overture, which is abstract, and not programme music, is a clever piece of work. It consists of a very lengthy molto andante, leading to a regularly constructed allegro in the same key, ending, however, in the tonic major. Curiously enough, the second subject is in c, instead of F, the orthodox key. The writing generally is vigorous, and the overture is fully scored. The chief attraction of the concert was the engagement of M. Paderewski, the gifted pianist being heard in Schumann's Concerto and his own 'Polish Fantasia.' His reading of the first-named work is by no means in accordance with tradition, but it is full of interest, the cantabile passages being played with infinite charm. The 'Polish Fantasia' improves on acquaintance, and is certainly a most clever and original little work, too difficult, however, to be attempted by any but pianists of the highest grade. It is necessary to protest once more concerning

the errors which so frequently creep into analytical programmes. On this occasion we were told that the fantasia was to be performed for the first time, whereas, of course, it was one of the most successful novelties at the recent Norwich Festival, and further, that it is in three movements, instead of four, which are duly described. Mistakes of this sort are inexcusable. It only remains to be said that a spirited performance was given of Haydn's Symphony in c, No. 13 of Breitkopf & Härtel's edition, and that the concert ended with Wagner's 'Kaiser' March.

Musical Cossin.

AT the students' concert of the Royal Academy of Music at St. James's Hall, on Monday afternoon, the principal feature in the programme was Pergolesi's 'Stabat Mater' for treble and alto voices, in two parts, a work now more seldom heard than in former generations. It has none of the elements that constitute greatness in musical utterance, but the charm of its Italian melodic grace and elegance is undeniable, and Pergolesi would probably have become a master in his art had not death snatched him away at the early age of twenty-six. The performance, under Dr. A. C. Mac-kenzie's direction, was admirable as regards the Academy choir and string orchestra, but only moderate as regards the soloists. The rest of the scheme does not call for remark.

WE regret to learn the death, on Monday last, of Mr. George A. Osborne, the Nestor of English musicians, at the advanced age of eighty-seven. Self-taught until he was eighteen, the deceased pianist and composer then sought instruction in Paris under Pixis, Fétis, and Kalkbrenner, and became intimate with Berlioz, Chopin, and other eminent musicians settled in the French capital. In 1843 Mr. Osborne came to London, where he had resided ever since, occupying himself almost to the last with teaching, playing, and composition. His works comprise instrumental trios, many duets for piano and violin, written in conjunction with De Beriot, and numberless light pianoforte pieces. His music can scarcely be said to have survived him, but at one time it was much in favour, his brilliant sketch 'La Pluie des Perles' enjoying extraordinary vogue. In private life Mr. Osborne was much esteemed, and he was an excellent raconteur.

Among other recent deaths is that of the Among other recent deaths is that of the operatic tenor Herr Wachtel, who for a brief space gained attention at the Royal Italian Opera by reason of his enormously powerful voice and his wonderful "that de poitrine." His style, however, was not refined, and he never gained any distinct hold on the affections of English amateurs. He had attained the age of seventy-two years.

It seems that, after all, the Carl Rosa Opera Company will be before Sir Augustus Harris in the stage production of Berlioz's 'Faust' in this country. It is in course of arrangement by Mr. T. H. Friend, the managing director, and will be performed early in the year at Liverpool Court Theatre.

A NEW mass, from the pen of Mr. Frederick Westlake, will be sung to morrow (Sunday) morning in the Brompton Oratory, at eleven

THE memory of the late Thomas Wingham is to be perpetuated at the Guildhall School of Music by the foundation of a scholarship, for which the sum of 500l. is to be raised. The treasurer is Mr. Charles P. Smith, the secretary

THE programme of Sir Charles Halle's Manchester concert on Thursday last week consisted of Wagner's opera 'The Flying Dutchman,'

given for the first time in its entirety, with Miss Esther Palliser, Miss Jessie Moorhouse, Mr. Iver McKay, Mr. David Bispham, and Mr. Andrew Black in the leading parts.

MESSRS. HANN gave their second chamber concert at the Brixton Hall on Monday evening, the principal items in the programme being Schumann's Quartet in a minor, Op. 41, No. 1; Mendelssohn's Sonata in D for pianoforte and violoncello, Op. 58; and Benjamin Godard's Pianoforte Trio in r, Op. 72. Miss Kate Midwinter was the vocalist.

An article on Handel harpsichords, contributed by Mr. Hipkins to the Athenaum in 1883, has been revised and extended by the author for the Handel number of the Musical Times, which will be produced next month.

'NATIONAL PART-Songs' is the title of a new series of arrangements of popular songs which Messrs. Curwen have in preparation. The English airs Mr. E. Laning will edit, the Welsh airs Dr. R. Rogers, the Scottish airs Mr. A. Macbeth, and the Irish airs Sir Robert Stewart.

What may be fairly termed a Berlioz Festival has taken place at Carlsruhe, and appears to have been highly successful. The operatic works represented under the direction of Herr Felix Mottl, who is an enthusiastic admirer of the French master, were 'Benvenuto Cellini,' 'Béatrice et Bénédict,' 'La Prise de Troie,' and 'Les Troyens à Carthage,' only the second and fourth of these operas having ever been played in Paris. The principal artists, orchestra, chorus, and scenic accessories have called forth unqualified praise from all sources. That such a triumph for French art should have been first gained in another country has caused considerable chagrin among Gallic musicians.

THE last composition of the late M. Gounod is said to be an 'Ave Maria,' written on Sep-tember 30th, the birthday of his daughter, the Baronne de Lassus.

- PERFORMANCES NEXT WEEK.

 Mon. Jubilee Performance of Balfe's 'Bohemian Girl,' 2, Drury Lane

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 M. Siloti's Pianoforte Recital, 3, 8t. James's Hall.
 Popular Concert, 8, 8t. James's Hall.
 Annual Ballad Concert in Aid of the Clerkenwell Benevolent
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 Royal College of Music Chamber Concert, 4, Alexandra House.
 Mr. William Carter's Scotch Concert, 7 45, Albert Hall.
 Mr. Ambrose Austin's Scotch Concert, 8, 8t. James's Hall.
 Crystal Palace Concert, 3, 8t. James's Hall.

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Aramatic Cossig.

Blackwood for December will contain an article by Prof. Masson on 'Ben Jonson in Edinburgh,' in which he will, he thinks, throw considerable fresh light on the great dramatist's famous tramp into Scotland, and his connexion with Drummond of Hawthornden and other "noblemen and gentlemen that knew his true worth.

'THE OTHER FELLOW,' Mr. Horner's adaptation of 'Champignol malgré Lui,' was on Saturday last removed from the Court Theatre to the Strand. Such changes as were made in the cast are of no special significance. Mr. Harry Paulton, the new Capt. Camaret, presents a picture distinctly less soldierly than his prede-cessor Mr. Brookfield; and Miss Pattie Browne is less well suited as Agnes, which she now plays, than in her previous part of Charlotte. Mr. C. Groves, Mr. Weedon Grossmith, and Mr.

De Lange retain their original characters.
On the same occasion 'Twixt Cup and Lip,'
a comedietta by Mr. W. Sapte, jun., was given.
Its interest is tender and serious. That it caused laughter must be attributed to an inadequate interpretation.

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In consequence of an accident to Mr. Brookfield, who, in rehearsal, broke two tendons of his leg, the production of the promised triple bill at the Court was deferred from Wednesday until this evening.

MISS ELLALINE TERRISS has been engaged for the Cinderella in Mr. Oscar Barrett's pantomime at the Lyceum, and should be an ideal exponent of the part. Miss Clara Jecks and Mr. Victor Stevens have also been engaged.

MISS ROSINA VOKES (Mrs. Cecil Clay), the youngest and most vivacious of the family, is, we hear, seriously unwell.

MISS JULIA NEILSON and her husband, Mr. Fred Terry, will leave the Haymarket Theatre at the close of their present engagement, which terminates in July.

A REVIVAL of 'The Railway of Love' is to be the next novelty at Daly's Theatre. Subse-quently Miss Ada Rehan will play Viola in a revival of 'Twelfth Night.'

MISS ANNIE ROSE promises 'The Gauntlet,' a play of Björnson which has been successfully given on the Continent.

'A Woman of No Importance,' by Mr. Oscar Wilde, has been given at the Grand Theatre, Islington, with a cast including Mr. Lewis Waller, Miss Hilda Hanbury, Miss S. Vaughan, and Miss Florence West.

A MISCELLANEOUS entertainment was given at A MISCELLANEOUS entertainment was given at the Criterion on Tuesday for the benefit of Mr. W. H. Day. The principal features on this occasion consisted of a performance of 'The Vagabond,' with Mr. Lestocq, Mr. Fred Terry, Mr. Day, Miss Ellaline Terriss, and Miss Cicely Richards in the principal parts, and the burlesque drama of 'Mary, the Child of Misfortune,' supported by Mr. and Mrs. Edouin, Mr. Eversfield, and Mr. H. Ross.

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